

## FTA FISCAL YEAR 2016 CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES

### PREFACE

*Except as the Federal Transit Administration (FTA or We) determines otherwise in writing, before FTA may award federal assistance for public transportation in the form of a federal grant, cooperative agreement, loan, line of credit, or loan guarantee, certain pre-award Certifications and Assurances are required. The Applicant must authorize a representative (Authorized Representative) to select and sign its Certifications and Assurances and bind the Applicant's compliance. You, as your Applicant's Authorized Representative, must select and sign all Certifications and Assurances that your Applicant must provide to support each application it submits to FTA for federal assistance during federal fiscal year (FY) 2016.*

*We request that you read each Certification and Assurance and select those that will apply to any application for which your Applicant might seek federal assistance from FTA during FY 2016. As provided by federal laws, regulations, and requirements, only if you select adequate Certifications and Assurances on your Applicant's behalf may FTA award federal assistance.*

*We have consolidated our Certifications and Assurances into twenty-three (23) Categories. At a minimum, you must select the Assurances in Category 01. If your Applicant requests more than \$100,000 in federal assistance, you must select the "Lobbying" Certification in Category 02, except if your Applicant is an Indian tribe, Indian organization, or an Indian tribal organization. Depending on the nature of your Applicant and the Award it seeks, you may also need to select one or more Certifications and Assurances in Categories 03 through 23. Instead of selecting individual Categories of Certifications and Assurances, however, you may make a single selection that will encompass all twenty-three (23) Categories of Certifications and Assurances that apply to our various programs.*

*FTA, your Applicant, and you, as your Applicant's Authorized Representative, understand and agree that not every provision of these twenty-three (23) Categories of Certifications and Assurances will apply to every Applicant or every Award or Project included in an Award, even if you make a single selection encompassing all twenty-three (23) Categories. Nor will every provision of each Certification or Assurance within a single Category apply if that provision does not apply to your Applicant or the Award it seeks. The type of Applicant and its application will determine which Certifications and Assurances apply.*

*Your Applicant is ultimately responsible for compliance with the Certifications and Assurances selected that apply to its Award, itself, any Subrecipient, or any other Third Party Participant in its Award, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing. For this reason, we strongly encourage your Applicant to take appropriate measures, including,*

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*but not limited to, obtaining sufficient documentation from each Subrecipient and any other Third Party Participant as necessary to assure your Applicant's compliance with the applicable Certifications and Assurances selected on its behalf.*

*Except as FTA determines otherwise in writing, if your Applicant is a team, consortium, joint venture, or partnership, it understands and agrees that you must identify the activities that each member will perform and the extent to which each member will be responsible for compliance with the Certifications and Assurances selected on its behalf. You also must identify each member's role in the Award, whether as a Recipient, Subrecipient, Third Party Contractor, or other Third Party Participant.*

*It is important that your Applicant and you also understand that these Certifications and Assurances are pre-award requirements, generally imposed by federal law or regulation, and do not include all federal requirements that may apply to it or its Award. We expect you to submit your Applicant's FY 2016 Certifications and Assurances and its applications for federal assistance in FTA's electronic award and management system, currently the Transit Award Management System (TrAMS). You must be registered in TrAMS to submit to FTA your Applicant's FY 2016 Certifications and Assurances. TrAMS contains fields for selecting among the twenty-three (23) Categories of Certifications and Assurances and a designated field for selecting all twenty-three (23) Categories of Certifications and Assurances. If FTA agrees that you are unable to submit your Applicant's FY 2016 Certifications and Assurances electronically, you must submit the Signature Pages at the end of this document, as FTA directs, marked to show the Categories of Certifications and Assurances that you are submitting.*

*Be aware that these Certifications and Assurances have been prepared in light of:*

- The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, Public Law No. 114-94, December 4, 2015,*
- The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), Public Law No. 112-141, July 6, 2012, as amended by the Surface Transportation and Veterans Health Care Choice Improvement Act of 2015, Public Law No. 114-41, July 31, 2015 and other authorizing legislation to be enacted,*
- FTA's authorizing legislation in effect in FY 2012 or a previous fiscal year, except as superseded by the FAST Act cross-cutting requirements that apply, and*
- Appropriations Acts or Continuing Resolutions funding the U.S. Department of Transportation during Fiscal Year 2016.*

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### **CATEGORY 01. REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES FOR EACH APPLICANT.**

*Before FTA may provide federal assistance for your Applicant's Award, you must select the Certifications and Assurances in Category 01 in addition to any other Certifications and Assurances that you must select on your Applicant's behalf, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.*

*Any provision of the Certifications and Assurances in Category 01 that does not apply will not be enforced.*

#### **01.A. Certification and Assurance of Authority of the Applicant and Its Authorized Representative.**

You certify and affirm that in signing these Certifications, Assurances, and Agreements, both you, as your Applicant's Authorized Representative, and your Applicant's attorney who is authorized to represent your Applicant in legal matters, may undertake the following activities on your Applicant's behalf, in compliance with applicable state, local, or Indian tribal laws, regulations, and requirements and its by-laws or internal rules:

1. Execute and file its application for federal assistance,
2. Execute and file its Certifications, Assurances, Charter Service Agreement, and School Bus Agreement, as applicable, binding its compliance,
3. Execute its Grant Agreement, Cooperative Agreement, Loan, Loan Guarantee, or Line of Credit, for which the Applicant is seeking federal assistance from FTA,
4. Comply with applicable federal laws, regulations, and requirements, and
5. Follow applicable federal guidance.

#### **01.B. Standard Assurances.**

On behalf of your Applicant, you assure that it understands and agrees to the following:

1. It will comply with all applicable federal laws, regulations, and requirements in implementing its Award.
2. It is under a continuing obligation to comply with the terms and conditions of its Grant Agreement or Cooperative Agreement with FTA for each Award, including the FTA Master Agreement and other documents incorporated by reference and made part of its Grant Agreement or Cooperative Agreement, or latest amendment thereto.
3. It recognizes that federal laws, regulations, and requirements may be amended from time to time and those amendments may affect the implementation of its Award.
4. It understands that Presidential executive orders and federal guidance, including federal policies and program guidance, may be issued concerning matters affecting it or its Award.

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5. It agrees that the most recent federal laws, regulations, requirements, and guidance will apply to its Award, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.
6. Except as FTA determines otherwise in writing, it agrees that requirements for FTA programs may vary depending on the fiscal year for which the federal assistance for those programs was appropriated or made available.

### **01.C. Intergovernmental Review Assurance.**

*(This assurance in this Category 01.C does not apply to an Indian tribe, an Indian organization, or an Indian tribal organization that applies for federal assistance made available under 49 U.S.C. § 5311(c)(1), which authorizes FTA's Tribal Transit Programs.)*

As required by U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) regulations, "Intergovernmental Review of Department of Transportation Programs and Activities," 49 CFR part 17, on behalf of your Applicant, you assure that it has submitted or will submit each application for federal assistance to the appropriate state and local agencies for intergovernmental review.

### **01.D. Nondiscrimination Assurance.**

On behalf of your Applicant, you assure that:

1. It will comply with the following laws, regulations, and requirements so that no person in the United States will be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination in, any U.S. DOT or FTA assisted program or activity (particularly in the level and quality of transportation services and transportation-related benefits) on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, or age including:
  - a. Federal transit laws, specifically 49 U.S.C. § 5332 (prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including gender identity), disability, age, employment, or business opportunity),
  - b. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d,
  - c. The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 794, *et seq.*,
  - d. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 *et seq.*,
  - e. U.S. DOT regulations, "Nondiscrimination in Federally-Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation-Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," 49 CFR part 21,
  - f. U.S. DOT regulations, specifically 49 CFR parts 27, 37, 38, and 39, and
  - g. Any other applicable federal statutes that may be signed into law, federal regulations that may be issued, or federal requirements that may be imposed.
2. It will comply with federal guidance implementing federal nondiscrimination laws, regulations, or requirements, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.

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3. As required by 49 CFR § 21.7:
  - a. It will comply with 49 U.S.C. § 5332, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, and 49 CFR part 21 in the manner that:
    - (1) It implements its Award,
    - (2) It undertakes property acquisitions, and
    - (3) It operates all parts of its facilities, as well as its facilities operated in connection with its Award.
  - b. This assurance applies to its Award and to all parts of its facilities, as well as its facilities used to implement its Award.
  - c. It will promptly take the necessary actions to carry out this assurance, including the following:
    - (1) Notifying the public that discrimination complaints about transportation-related services or benefits may be filed with U.S. DOT or FTA, and
    - (2) Submitting information about its compliance with these provisions to U.S. DOT or FTA upon their request.
  - d. If it transfers U.S. DOT or FTA assisted real property, structures, or improvements to another party, any deeds and instruments recording that transfer will contain a covenant running with the land assuring nondiscrimination:
    - (1) While the property is used for the purpose that the federal assistance is extended, or
    - (2) While the property is used for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits.
  - e. The United States has a right to seek judicial enforcement of any matter arising under:
    - (1) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d,
    - (2) U.S. DOT regulations, 49 CFR part 21, or
    - (3) This assurance.
  - f. It will make any changes in its Title VI implementing procedures, as U.S. DOT or FTA may request, to comply with:
    - (1) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d,
    - (2) U.S. DOT regulations, 49 CFR part 21, and
    - (3) Federal transit law, 49 U.S.C. § 5332.
  - g. It will comply with applicable federal guidance issued to implement federal nondiscrimination requirements, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.
  - h. It will extend the requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5332, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, and 49 CFR part 21 to each Third Party Participant, including any:
    - (1) Subrecipient,
    - (2) Transferee,
    - (3) Third Party Contractor or Subcontractor at any tier,
    - (4) Successor in Interest,
    - (5) Lessee, or

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- (6) Other Participant in its Award, except FTA and the Applicant (and later, the Recipient).
- i. It will include adequate provisions to extend the requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5332, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, and 49 CFR part 21 to each third party agreement, including each:
  - (1) Subagreement at any tier,
  - (2) Property transfer agreement,
  - (3) Third party contract or subcontract at any tier,
  - (4) Lease, or
  - (5) Participation agreement.
- j. The assurances you have made on your Applicant's behalf remain in effect as long as FTA determines appropriate, including, for example, as long as:
  - (1) Federal assistance is provided for its Award,
  - (2) Its property acquired or improved with federal assistance is used for a purpose for which the federal assistance is extended, or for a purpose involving similar services or benefits,
  - (3) It retains ownership or possession of its property acquired or improved with federal assistance provided for its Award, or
  - (4) FTA may otherwise determine in writing.
- 4. As required by U.S. DOT regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs and Activities Receiving or Benefiting from Federal Financial Assistance," 49 CFR part 27, specifically 49 CFR § 27.9, and consistent with 49 U.S.C. § 5332, you assure that:
  - a. It will comply with the following prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of disability listed below in subsection 4.b of this Category 01.D Assurance, of which compliance is a condition of approval or extension of any FTA assistance awarded to:
    - (1) Construct any facility,
    - (2) Obtain any rolling stock or other equipment,
    - (3) Undertake studies,
    - (4) Conduct research, or
    - (5) Participate in any benefit or obtain any benefit from any FTA administered program.
  - b. In any program or activity receiving or benefiting from federal assistance that U.S. DOT administers, no qualified individual with a disability will, because of his or her disability, be:
    - (1) Excluded from participation,
    - (2) Denied benefits, or
    - (3) Otherwise subjected to discrimination.

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### 01.E. Suspension and Debarment Certification.

On behalf of your Applicant, you certify that:

1. It will comply and facilitate compliance with U.S. DOT regulations, "Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment," 2 CFR part 1200, which adopts and supplements the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (U.S. OMB) "Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," 2 CFR part 180.
2. To the best of its knowledge and belief, that its Principals and Subrecipients at the first tier:
  - a. Are eligible to participate in covered transactions of any federal department or agency and are not presently:
    - (1) Debarred,
    - (2) Suspended,
    - (3) Proposed for debarment,
    - (4) Declared ineligible,
    - (5) Voluntarily excluded, or
    - (6) Disqualified.
  - b. Within a three-year period preceding its latest application or proposal, its management has not been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against any of them for:
    - (1) Commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction, or contract under a public transaction,
    - (2) Violation of any federal or state antitrust statute, or
    - (3) Commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making any false statement, or receiving stolen property.
  - c. It is not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses listed in the preceding subsection 2.b of this Certification.
  - d. It has not had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default within a three-year period preceding this Certification.
  - e. If, at a later time, it receives any information that contradicts the preceding statements of subsections 2.a – 2.d of this Category 01.E Certification, it will promptly provide that information to FTA.
  - f. It will treat each lower tier contract or subcontract under its Award as a covered lower tier contract for purposes of 2 CFR part 1200 and 2 CFR part 180 if it:
    - (1) Equals or exceeds \$25,000,
    - (2) Is for audit services, or
    - (3) Requires the consent of a federal official.

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- g. It will require that each covered lower tier contractor and subcontractor:
  - (1) Comply and facilitate compliance with the federal requirements of 2 CFR parts 180 and 1200, and
  - (2) Assure that each lower tier participant in its Award is not presently declared by any federal department or agency to be:
    - (a) Debarred from participation in any federally assisted Award,
    - (b) Suspended from participation in any federally assisted Award,
    - (c) Proposed for debarment from participation in any federally assisted Award,
    - (d) Declared ineligible to participate in any federally assisted Award,
    - (e) Voluntarily excluded from participation in any federally assisted Award, or
    - (f) Disqualified from participation in any federally assisted Award.
- 5. It will provide a written explanation if it or any of its principals, including any of its first tier Subrecipients or its Third Party Participants at a lower tier, is unable to certify compliance with the preceding statements in this Category 01.E Certification.

### 01.F. U.S. OMB Assurances in SF-424B and SF-424D.

*The assurances in this Category 01.F are consistent with the U.S. OMB assurances required in the U.S. OMB SF-424B and SF-424D, and updated as necessary to reflect changes in federal laws, regulations, and requirements.*

- 1. *Administrative Activities.* On behalf of your Applicant, you assure that:
  - a. For any application it submits for federal assistance, it has adequate resources to plan, manage, and complete properly the tasks to implement its Award, including:
    - (1) The legal authority to apply for federal assistance,
    - (2) The institutional capability,
    - (3) The managerial capability, and
    - (4) The financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-federal share of the cost of incurred under its Award).
  - b. As required, it will give access and the right to examine materials related to its Award to the following entities or individuals, including, but not limited to:
    - (1) FTA,
    - (2) The Comptroller General of the United States, and
    - (3) The State, through an appropriate authorized representative.
  - c. It will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or FTA guidance.
  - d. It will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that results in:
    - (1) A personal or organizational conflict of interest or personal gain, or



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- (2) An appearance of a personal or organizational conflict of interest or personal gain.
- 2. *Specifics of the Award.* On behalf of your Applicant, you assure that:
  - a. It will begin and complete work within the period of performance that applies following receipt of an FTA Award.
  - b. For FTA assisted construction Awards:
    - (1) It will comply with FTA provisions concerning the drafting, review, and approval of construction plans and specifications,
    - (2) It will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to assure that the completed work conforms to the approved plans and specifications,
    - (3) It will include a covenant to assure nondiscrimination during the useful life of the real property financed under its Award in its title to that real property,
    - (4) To the extent FTA requires, it will record the federal interest in the title to FTA assisted real property or interests in real property, and
    - (5) It will not alter the site of the FTA assisted construction or facilities without permission or instructions from FTA by:
      - (a) Disposing of the underlying real property or other interest in the site and facilities,
      - (b) Modifying the use of the underlying real property or other interest in the site and facilities, or
      - (c) Changing the terms of the underlying real property title or other interest in the site and facilities.
  - c. It will furnish progress reports and other information as FTA or the state may require.
- 3. *Statutory and Regulatory requirements.* On behalf of your Applicant, you assure that:
  - a. It will comply with all federal laws, regulations, and requirements relating to nondiscrimination that apply, including, but not limited to:
    - (1) The prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin, as provided in Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d.
    - (2) The prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of sex, as provided in:
      - (a) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681 – 1683, and 1685 – 1687, and
      - (b) U.S. DOT regulations, “Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance,” 49 CFR part 25.
    - (3) The prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of age in federally assisted programs, as provided in the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6101 – 6107.
    - (4) The prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of disability in federally assisted programs, as provided in section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 794.

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- (5) The prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of disability, as provided in the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 *et seq.*
  - (6) The prohibitions against discrimination in the sale, rental, or financing of housing, as provided in Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. § 3601 *et seq.*
  - (7) The prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of drug abuse, as provided in the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972, as amended, 21 U.S.C. § 1101 *et seq.*
  - (8) The prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse, as provided in the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention Act of 1970, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 4541 *et seq.*
  - (9) The confidentiality requirements for records of alcohol and drug abuse patients, as provided in the Public Health Service Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 290dd – 290dd-2.
  - (10) The nondiscrimination provisions of any other statute(s) that may apply to its Award.
- b. As provided by the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended (Uniform Relocation Act), 42 U.S.C. § 4601 *et seq.*, and 49 U.S.C. § 5323(b), regardless of whether federal assistance has been provided for any real property acquired or improved for purposes of its Award:
- (1) It will provide for fair and equitable treatment of any displaced persons or any persons whose property is acquired or improved as a result of federally assisted programs.
  - (2) It has the necessary legal authority under state and local laws, regulations, and requirements to comply with:
    - (a) The Uniform Relocation Act. 42 U.S.C. § 4601 *et seq.*, as specified by 42 U.S.C. §§ 4630 and 4655, and
    - (b) U.S. DOT regulations, “Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition for Federal and Federally Assisted Programs,” 49 CFR part 24, specifically 49 CFR § 24.4.
  - (3) It has complied with or will comply with the Uniform Relocation Act and implementing U.S. DOT regulations because:
    - (a) It will adequately inform each affected person of the benefits, policies, and procedures provided for in 49 CFR part 24.
    - (b) As provided by 42 U.S.C. §§ 4622, 4623, and 4624, and 49 CFR part 24, if its Award results in displacement, it will provide fair and reasonable relocation payments and assistance to:
      - 1 Displaced families or individuals, and
      - 2 Displaced corporations, associations, or partnerships.

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- (c) As provided by 42 U.S.C. § 4625 and 49 CFR part 24, it will provide relocation assistance programs offering the services described in the U.S. DOT regulations to such:
    - 1 Displaced families and individuals, and
    - 2 Displaced corporations, associations, or partnerships.
  - (d) As provided by 42 U.S.C. § 4625(c)(3), within a reasonable time before displacement, it will make available comparable replacement dwellings to families and individuals.
  - (e) It will:
    - 1 Carry out the relocation process to provide displaced persons with uniform and consistent services, and
    - 2 Make available replacement housing in the same range of choices with respect to such housing to all displaced persons regardless of race, color, religion, or national origin.
  - (f) It will be guided by the real property acquisition policies of 42 U.S.C. §§ 4651 and 4652.
  - (g) It will pay or reimburse property owners for their necessary expenses as specified in 42 U.S.C. §§ 4653 and 4654, understanding that FTA will provide federal assistance for its eligible costs of providing payments for those expenses, as required by 42 U.S.C. § 4631.
  - (h) It will execute the necessary implementing amendments to FTA assisted third party contracts and subagreements.
  - (i) It will execute, furnish, and be bound by such additional documents as FTA may determine necessary to effectuate or implement these assurances.
  - (j) It will incorporate these assurances by reference into and make them a part of any third party contract or subagreement, or any amendments thereto, related to its Award that involves relocation or land acquisition.
  - (k) It will provide in any affected document that these relocation and land acquisition provisions must supersede any conflicting provisions.
- c. It will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act, specifically 42 U.S.C. § 4831(b), which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in the construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
  - d. It will, to the extent applicable, comply with the protections for human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by federal assistance of:
    - (1) The National Research Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 289 *et seq.*, and
    - (2) U.S. DOT regulations, "Protection of Human Subjects," 49 CFR part 11.
  - e. It will, to the extent applicable, comply with the labor standards and protections for federally assisted Awards of:
    - (1) The Davis-Bacon Act, as amended, 40 U.S.C. §§ 3141 – 3144, 3146, and 3147,

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- (2) Sections 1 and 2 of the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act, as amended, 18 U.S.C. § 874, and 40 U.S.C. § 3145, respectively, and
- (3) The Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, as amended, 40 U.S.C. § 3701 *et seq.*
- f. It will comply with any applicable environmental standards prescribed to implement federal laws and executive orders, including, but not limited to:
  - (1) Complying with the institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 – 4335 and following Executive Order No. 11514, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 4321 note.
  - (2) Following the notification of violating facilities provisions of Executive Order No. 11738, 42 U.S.C. § 7606 note.
  - (3) Following the protection of wetlands provisions of Executive Order No. 11990, 42 U.S.C. § 4321 note.
  - (4) Following the evaluation of flood hazards in the floodplains provisions of Executive Order No. 11988, May 24, 1977, 42 U.S.C. § 4321 note, and Executive Order No. 13690 “Establishing a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard and a Process for Further Soliciting and Considering Stakeholder Input, January 30, 2015.
  - (5) Complying with the assurance of consistency with the approved state management program developed pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1451 – 1465.
  - (6) Complying with the Conformity of Federal Actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans requirements under section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1970, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 – 7671q.
  - (7) Complying with protections for underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 300f – 300j-6.
  - (8) Complying with the protections for endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531 – 1544.
  - (9) Complying with the environmental protections for federal transportation programs, including, but not limited to, protections for parks, recreation areas, or wildlife or waterfowl refuges of national, state, or local significance or any land from a historic site of national, state, or local significance to be used in a transportation Award, as required by 49 U.S.C. § 303 (also known as “Section 4f”).
  - (10) Complying with the protections for national wild and scenic rivers systems, as required under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, as amended, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1271 – 1287.
  - (11) Complying with and facilitating compliance with:
    - (a) Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, 54 U.S.C. § 300108,

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- (b) The Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974, as amended, 54 U.S.C. § 312501 *et seq.*, and
- (c) Executive Order No. 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), 54 U.S.C. § 300101.
- g. To the extent applicable, it will comply with the following federal requirements for the care, handling, and treatment of warm-blooded animals held or used for research, teaching, or other activities supported with federal assistance:
  - (1) The Animal Welfare Act, as amended, 7 U.S.C. § 2131 *et seq.*, and
  - (2) U.S. Department of Agriculture regulations, "Animal Welfare," 9 CFR subchapter A, parts 1, 2, 3, and 4.
- h. To the extent applicable, it will obtain a certificate of compliance with the seismic design and construction requirements of U.S. DOT regulations, "Seismic Safety," 49 CFR part 41, specifically 49 CFR § 41.117(d), before accepting delivery of any FTA assisted buildings.
- i. It will comply with and assure that each of its Subrecipients located in special flood hazard areas will comply with section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 4012a(a), by:
  - (1) Participating in the federal flood insurance program, and
  - (2) Purchasing flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
- j. It will comply with:
  - (1) The Hatch Act, 5 U.S.C. §§ 1501 – 1508, 7324 – 7326, which limits the political activities of state and local agencies and their officers and employees whose primary employment activities are financed in whole or part with federal assistance, including a federal loan, grant agreement, or cooperative agreement, and
  - (2) 49 U.S.C. § 5323(l)(2) and 23 U.S.C. § 142(g), which provide an exception from Hatch Act restrictions for a nonsupervisory employee of a public transportation system (or of any other agency or entity performing related functions) receiving federal assistance appropriated or made available under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 and 23 U.S.C. § 142(a)(2) to whom the Hatch Act does not otherwise apply.
- k. It will perform the financial and compliance audits as required by the:
  - (1) Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996, 31 U.S.C. § 7501 *et seq.*,
  - (2) U.S. DOT regulations, "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards," 2 CFR part 1201, which incorporates by reference U.S. OMB regulatory guidance, "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards," 2 CFR part 200, and
  - ✓ (3) Most recent applicable U.S. OMB Compliance Supplement, 2 CFR part 200, appendix XI (previously known as the U.S. OMB Circular A-133
  - ✓ Compliance Supplement).

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- l. It will comply with all other federal laws, regulations, and requirements that apply.
- m. It will follow federal guidance governing it and its Award, except as FTA has expressly approved otherwise in writing.

### CATEGORY 02. LOBBYING.

*Before FTA may provide federal assistance for a grant or cooperative agreement exceeding \$100,000 or a loan, line of credit, loan guarantee, or loan insurance exceeding \$150,000, unless your Applicant is an Indian Tribe, Indian organization, or an Indian tribal organization exempt from the requirements of 31 U.S.C. § 1352, you must select the Lobbying Certifications in Category 02 in addition to other Certifications and Assurances you must select on your Applicant's behalf, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.*

*Any provision of the Certifications in Category 02 that does not apply will not be enforced.*

On behalf of your Applicant, you certify that:

1. As required by 31 U.S.C. § 1352 and U.S. DOT regulations, "New Restrictions on Lobbying," specifically 49 CFR 20.110:
  - a. The lobbying restrictions of this Certification apply to its requests:
    - (1) For \$100,000 or more in federal assistance for a grant or cooperative agreement, and
    - (2) For \$150,000 or more in federal assistance for a loan, line of credit, loan guarantee, or loan insurance, and
  - b. Your Certification on its behalf applies to the lobbying activities of:
    - (1) It,
    - (2) Its Principals, and
    - (3) Its Subrecipients at the first tier.
2. To the best of your knowledge and belief:
  - a. No federal appropriated funds have been or will be paid by your Applicant or on its behalf to any person to influence or attempt to influence:
    - (1) An officer or employee of any federal agency regarding the award of a:
      - (a) Federal grant or cooperative agreement, or
      - (b) Federal loan, line of credit, loan guarantee, or loan insurance, or
    - (2) A Member of Congress, an employee of a member of Congress, or an officer or employee of Congress regarding the award of a:
      - (a) Federal grant or cooperative agreement, or
      - (b) Federal loan, line of credit, loan guarantee, or loan insurance.
  - b. It will submit a complete OMB Standard Form LLL (Rev. 7-97), "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," consistent with the instructions on that form, if any funds

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other than federal appropriated funds have been or will be paid to any person to influence or attempt to influence:

- (1) An officer or employee of any federal agency regarding the award of a:
  - (a) Federal grant or cooperative agreement, or
  - (b) Federal loan, line of credit, loan guarantee, or loan insurance, or
- (2) A Member of Congress, an employee of a member of Congress, or an officer or employee of Congress regarding the award of a:
  - (a) Federal grant or cooperative agreement, or
  - (b) Federal loan, line of credit, loan guarantee, or loan insurance.
- c. It will include the language of this Certification in its Award documents under a federal grant, cooperative agreement, loan, line of credit, or loan insurance including, but not limited to:
  - (1) Each third party contract,
  - (2) Each third party subcontract,
  - (3) Each subagreement, and
  - (4) Each third party agreement.
3. It understands that:
  - a. This Certification is a material representation of fact that the Federal Government relies on, and
  - b. It must submit this Certification before the Federal Government may award federal assistance for a transaction covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352, including a:
    - (1) Federal grant or cooperative agreement, or
    - (2) Federal loan, line of credit, loan guarantee, or loan insurance.
4. It understands that any person who does not file a required Certification will incur a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

### CATEGORY 03. PROCUREMENT AND PROCUREMENT SYSTEMS.

*We request that you select the Procurement and Procurement Systems Certification in Category 03 on behalf of your Applicant, especially if your Applicant is a state, local, or Indian tribal government with a certified procurement system, as provided in 2 CFR § 200.324(c)(2), incorporated by reference in 2 CFR part 1201 or former 49 CFR 18.36(g)(3)(ii).*

*Any provision of the Certification in Category 03 that does not apply will not be enforced.*

On behalf of your Applicant, you certify that its procurements and its procurement system will comply with all federal laws, regulations, and requirements in accordance with applicable federal guidance, except as FTA has approved otherwise in writing.

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### **CATEGORY 04. PRIVATE SECTOR PROTECTIONS.**

*Before FTA may provide federal assistance for an Award that involves the acquisition of public transportation property or the operation of public transportation facilities or equipment, you must select the Private Property Protections Assurances in Category 04.A and enter into the Agreements in Category 04.B and Category 04.C on behalf of your Applicant in addition to other Certifications you must select on your Applicant's behalf, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.*

*Any provision of the Assurances and Agreements in Category 04 that does not apply will not be enforced.*

#### **04.A. Private Property Protections.**

*If your Applicant is a state, local government, or Indian tribal government and seeks federal assistance from FTA to acquire the property of a private transit operator or operate public transportation in competition with or in addition to a public transportation operator, the Private Property Protections Assurances in Category 04.A apply to your Applicant, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.*

To facilitate FTA's ability to make the findings required by 49 U.S.C. § 5323(a)(1), on behalf of your Applicant, you assure that:

1. It has or will have:
  - a. Determined that the federal assistance it has requested is essential to carrying out its Program of Projects as required by 49 U.S.C. §§ 5303, 5304, and 5306,
  - b. Provided for the participation of private companies engaged in public transportation to the maximum extent feasible, and
  - c. Paid just compensation under state or local laws to the company for any franchise or property acquired.
2. It has completed the actions described in the preceding section 1 of this Category 04.A Certification before:
  - a. It acquires the property or an interest in the property of a private provider of public transportation, or
  - b. It operates public transportation equipment or facilities:
    - (1) In competition with transportation service provided by an existing public transportation operator, or
    - (2) In addition to transportation service provided by an existing public transportation operator.



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### 04.B. Charter Service Agreement.

*If your Applicant seeks federal assistance from FTA to acquire or operate transit facilities or equipment, the Charter Service Agreement in Category 04.B applies to your Applicant, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.*

To comply with 49 U.S.C. § 5323(d) and (g) and FTA regulations, "Charter Service," 49 CFR part 604, specifically 49 CFR § 604.4, on behalf of your Applicant, you are entering into the following Charter Service Agreement:

1. FTA's "Charter Service" regulations apply as follows:
  - a. FTA's Charter Service regulations restrict transportation by charter service using facilities and equipment acquired or improved under its Award from FTA financed with federal assistance derived from:
    - (1) Federal transit laws, 49 U.S.C. chapter 53,
    - (2) 23 U.S.C. §§ 133 or 142, or
    - (3) Any other Act that provides federal public transportation assistance, unless otherwise excepted.
  - b. FTA's charter service restrictions extend to:
    - (1) Your Applicant, when it becomes a Recipient of federal assistance appropriated or made available for:
      - (a) Federal transit laws, 49 U.S.C. chapter 53,
      - (b) 23 U.S.C. §§ 133 or 142, or
      - (c) Any other Act that provides federal public transportation assistance, unless otherwise excepted.
    - (2) Any Third Party Participant that receives federal assistance derived from:
      - (a) Federal transit laws, 49 U.S.C. chapter 53,
      - (b) 23 U.S.C. §§ 133 or 142, or
      - (c) Any other Act that provides federal public transportation assistance, unless otherwise excepted.
  - c. A Third Party Participant includes any:
    - (1) Subrecipient at any tier,
    - (2) Lessee,
    - (3) Third Party Contractor or Subcontractor at any tier, and
    - (4) Other Third Party Participant in its Award.
  - d. You and your Applicant agree that neither it nor any governmental authority or publicly owned operator that receives federal public transportation assistance appropriated or made available for its Award will engage in charter service operations, except as permitted under:
    - (1) Federal transit laws, specifically 49 U.S.C. § 5323(d) and (g),
    - (2) FTA regulations, "Charter Service," 49 CFR part 604, to the extent consistent with 49 U.S.C. § 5323(d) and (g),
    - (3) Any other federal Charter Service regulations, or

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- (4) Federal guidance, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.
- e. You and your Applicant agree that the latest Charter Service Agreement selected in its latest annual Certifications and Assurances is incorporated by reference in and made part of the Underlying Agreement accompanying its Award of federal assistance from FTA.
- f. You and your Applicant agree that:
  - (1) FTA may require corrective measures or impose remedies on it or any governmental authority or publicly owned operator that receives federal assistance from FTA appropriated or made available for its Award that has engaged in a pattern of violations of FTA's Charter Service regulations by:
    - (a) Conducting charter operations prohibited by federal transit laws and FTA's Charter Service regulations, or
    - (b) Otherwise violating its Charter Service Agreement selected in its latest annual Certifications and Assurances, and
  - (2) These corrective measures and remedies may include:
    - (a) Barring it or any Third Party Participant operating public transportation under its Award that has provided prohibited charter service from receiving federal assistance from FTA,
    - (b) Withholding an amount of federal assistance as provided by Appendix D to FTA's Charter Service regulations, or
    - (c) Any other appropriate remedy that may apply.
- 2. In addition to the exceptions to the restrictions in FTA's Charter Service regulations, FTA has established the following additional exceptions to those restrictions:
  - a. FTA's Charter Service restrictions do not apply to your Applicant if it seeks federal assistance appropriated or made available under 49 U.S.C. §§ 5307 or 5311 to be used for Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) activities that would have been eligible for assistance under former 49 U.S.C. §§ 5316 in effect in FY 2012 or a previous fiscal year, provided that it uses that federal assistance from FTA for those program purposes only.
  - b. FTA's Charter Service restrictions do not apply to your Applicant if it seeks federal assistance appropriated or made available under 49 U.S.C. § 5310 to be used for New Freedom activities that would have been eligible for assistance under former 49 U.S.C. § 5317 in effect in FY 2012 or a previous fiscal year, provided it uses that federal assistance from FTA for those program purposes only.
  - c. An Applicant for assistance under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 will not be determined to have violated the FTA Charter Service regulations if that Recipient provides a private intercity or charter transportation operator reasonable access to that Recipient's federally assisted public transportation facilities, including intermodal facilities, park and ride lots, and bus-only highway lanes, as provided in 49 U.S.C. § 5323(r).

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### 04.C. School Bus Agreement.

*If your Applicant seeks federal assistance from FTA to acquire or operate transit facilities or equipment, the School Bus Agreement in Category 04.C applies to your Applicant, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.*

To comply with 49 U.S.C. § 5323(f) and (g) and FTA regulations, "School Bus Operations," 49 CFR part 605, to the extent consistent with 49 U.S.C. § 5323(f) and (g), on behalf of your Applicant, you are entering into the following School Bus Agreement:

1. FTA's "School Bus Operations" regulations restrict school bus operations using facilities and equipment acquired or improved with federal assistance derived from:
  - a. Federal transit laws, 49 U.S.C. chapter 53,
  - b. 23 U.S.C. §§ 133 or 142, or
  - c. Any other Act that provides federal public transportation assistance, unless otherwise excepted.
2. FTA's school bus operations restrictions extend to:
  - a. Your Applicant, when it becomes a Recipient of federal assistance appropriated or made available for:
    - (1) Federal transit laws, 49 U.S.C. chapter 53,
    - (2) 23 U.S.C. §§ 133 or 142, or
    - (3) Any other Act that provides federal public transportation assistance, unless otherwise excepted.
  - b. Any Third Party Participant that receives federal assistance derived from:
    - (1) Federal transit laws, 49 U.S.C. chapter 53,
    - (2) 23 U.S.C. §§ 133 or 142, or
    - (3) Any other Act that provides federal public transportation assistance, unless otherwise excepted.
3. A Third Party Participant includes any:
  - a. Subrecipient at any tier,
  - b. Lessee,
  - c. Third Party Contractor or Subcontractor at any tier, and
  - d. Other Third Party Participant in its Award.
4. You and your Applicant agree and will obtain the agreement of any Third Party Participant involved in your Applicant's Award that it will not engage in school bus operations in competition with private operators of school buses, except as permitted under:
  - a. Federal transit laws, specifically 49 U.S.C. § 5323(f) and (g),
  - b. FTA regulations, "School Bus Operations," 49 CFR part 605, to the extent consistent with 49 U.S.C. § 5323(f) and (g),
  - c. Any other federal School Bus regulations, or
  - d. Federal guidance, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.

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5. You and your Applicant agree that the latest School Bus Agreement selected on its behalf in FTA's latest annual Certifications and Assurances is incorporated by reference in and made part of the Underlying Agreement accompanying its Award of federal assistance.
6. You and your Applicant agree that after it is a Recipient, if it or any Third Party Participant has violated this School Bus Agreement, FTA may:
  - a. Bar your Applicant or Third Party Participant from receiving further federal assistance for public transportation, or
  - b. Require the Applicant or Third Party Participant to take such remedial measures as FTA considers appropriate.

### **CATEGORY 05. ROLLING STOCK REVIEWS AND BUS TESTING.**

*Before FTA may provide federal assistance for an Award to acquire rolling stock for use in revenue service or to acquire a new bus model, you must select the Rolling Stock Reviews and Bus Testing Certifications in Category 05 in addition to other Certifications and Assurances you must select on your Applicant's behalf, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.*

*Any provision of the Certifications in Category 05 that does not apply will not be enforced.*

#### **05.A. Rolling Stock Reviews.**

*If your Applicant seeks federal assistance from FTA to acquire rolling stock for use in revenue service, the Rolling Stock Reviews Certifications in Category 05.A apply to your Applicant, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.*

On behalf of your Applicant, you certify that when procuring rolling stock for use in revenue service:

1. It will comply with:
  - a. Federal transit laws, specifically 49 U.S.C. § 5323(m), and
  - b. FTA regulations, "Pre-Award and Post-Delivery Audits of Rolling Stock Purchases," 49 CFR part 663, and
2. As provided in 49 CFR § 663.7:
  - a. It will conduct or cause to be conducted the required pre-award and post-delivery reviews of that rolling stock, and
  - b. It will maintain on file the Certifications required by 49 CFR part 663, subparts B, C, and D.

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### 05.B. Bus Testing.

*If your Applicant seeks federal assistance from FTA to acquire a new bus model, the Bus Testing Certifications in Category 05.B apply to your Applicant, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.*

On behalf of your Applicant, you certify that:

1. FTA's bus testing requirements apply to all acquisitions of new buses and new bus models that require bus testing as defined in FTA's Bus Testing regulations, and it will comply with:
  - a. 49 U.S.C. § 5318, and
  - b. FTA regulations, "Bus Testing," 49 CFR part 665, to the extent these regulations are consistent with 49 U.S.C. § 5318.
2. As required by 49 CFR § 665.7, when acquiring the first bus of any new bus model or a bus model with a major change in components or configuration:
  - a. It will not spend any federal assistance appropriated under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 to acquire that new bus or new bus model until:
    - (1) That new bus or new bus model has been tested at FTA's bus testing facility, and
    - (2) It has received a copy of the test report prepared for that new bus or new bus model, and
  - b. It will not authorize final acceptance of that new bus or new bus model until:
    - (1) That new bus or new bus model has been tested at FTA's bus testing facility, and
    - (2) It has received a copy of the test report prepared for that new bus or new bus model.
3. It will ensure that the new bus or new bus model that is tested has met the performance standards consistent with those regulations, including the:
  - a. Performance standards for:
    - (1) Maintainability,
    - (2) Reliability,
    - (3) Performance (including braking performance),
    - (4) Structural integrity,
    - (5) Fuel economy,
    - (6) Emissions, and
    - (7) Noise, and
  - b. Minimum safety performance standards established under 49 U.S.C. § 5329.
4. After FTA regulations authorized by 49 U.S.C. § 5318(e)(2) are in effect, it will ensure that the new bus or new bus model that is tested has received a passing aggregate test score under the "Pass/Fail" standard established by regulation.

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### **CATEGORY 06. DEMAND RESPONSIVE SERVICE.**

*Before FTA may provide federal assistance for an Award to a public entity that operates demand responsive service to acquire a non-rail vehicle that is not accessible, you must select the Demand Responsive Service Certifications in Category 06 in addition to other Certifications and Assurances you must select on your Applicant's behalf, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.*

*Any provision of the Certifications in Category 06 that does not apply will not be enforced.*

As required by U.S. DOT regulations, "Transportation Services for Individuals with Disabilities (ADA)," 49 CFR part 37, specifically 49 CFR § 37.77(d), on behalf of your Applicant, you certify that:

1. Your Applicant offers public transportation services equivalent in level and quality of service to:
  - a. Individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs, and
  - b. Individuals without disabilities.
2. Viewed in its entirety, its service for individuals with disabilities is:
  - a. Provided in the most integrated setting feasible, and
  - b. Equivalent to the service it offers individuals without disabilities with respect to:
    - (1) Response time,
    - (2) Fares,
    - (3) Geographic service area,
    - (4) Hours and days of service,
    - (5) Restrictions on priorities based on trip purpose,
    - (6) Availability of information and reservation capability, and
    - (7) Constraints on capacity or service availability.

### **CATEGORY 07. INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS.**

*Before FTA may provide federal assistance for an Award in support of an Intelligent Transportation System (ITS), you must select the Intelligent Transportation Systems Assurances in Category 07 in addition to other Certifications and Assurances you must select on your Applicant's behalf, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.*

*Any provision of the Assurances in Category 07 that does not apply will not be enforced.*

On behalf of your Applicant, you and your Applicant:

1. Understand that, as used in this Assurance, the term Intelligent Transportation System is defined to include technologies or systems of technologies that provide or

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significantly contribute to the provision of one or more Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) user services as defined in the "National ITS Architecture."

2. Assure that, as provided in 23 U.S.C. § 517(d), any Award that includes an ITS or related activity financed with appropriations made available from the Highway Trust Fund, including amounts made available to deploy ITS facilities or equipment, will conform to the appropriate regional ITS architecture, applicable standards, and protocols developed under 23 U.S.C. § 517(a) or (c), unless it obtains a waiver as provided in 23 U.S.C. § 517(d)(2).

### CATEGORY 08. INTEREST AND FINANCING COSTS AND ACQUISITION OF CAPITAL ASSETS BY LEASE.

*Before FTA may award federal assistance appropriated or made available under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 to support the interest, financing, or leasing costs of any Award financed under the Urbanized Area Formula Grants Program, Fixed Guideway Capital Investment Grants Program, any program to which the requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5307 apply, or any other program as FTA may specify, you must select the Certifications in Category 08 in addition to other Certifications and Assurances you must select on your Applicant's behalf, except as FTA may determine otherwise in writing.*

*Any provision of the Certifications and Assurances in Category 08 that does not apply will not be enforced.*

#### 08.A. Interest and Financing Costs.

*If your Applicant intends to use federal assistance to support the interest or any other financing costs for an Award financed under the Urbanized Area Formula Grants Program, the Fixed Guideway Capital Investment Grants Program, the New Starts, Small Starts, and Core Capacity Programs, any program that must comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5307, or any other program as FTA may specify, the Interest and Financing Costs Certifications in Category 08.A apply to your Applicant, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.*

On behalf of your Applicant, you certify that:

1. It will not seek reimbursement for interest or any other financing costs unless:
  - a. It is eligible to receive federal assistance for those costs, and
  - b. Its records demonstrate that it has shown reasonable diligence in seeking the most favorable financing terms, as FTA may require.
2. It will comply with the same favorable financing cost provisions for Awards financed under:
  - a. The Urbanized Area Formula Grants Program,
  - b. A Full Funding Grant Agreement,

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- c. An Early Systems Work Agreement,
- d. The Fixed Guideway Capital Investment Program financed by previous FTA enabling legislation,
- e. Any program that must comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5307, or
- f. Any other program as FTA may specify.

### **08.B. Acquisition of Capital Assets by Lease.**

*If your Applicant seeks federal assistance from FTA to acquire capital assets (other than rolling stock or related equipment) through a lease, the Acquisition of Capital Assets by Lease Certifications and Assurances in Category 08.B applies to your Applicant, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.*

On behalf of your Applicant, you certify and assure that, as required by FTA regulations, "Capital Leases," 49 CFR part 639, to the extent consistent with the FAST Act, if your Applicant acquires any capital asset (other than rolling stock or related equipment) through a lease financed with federal assistance appropriated or made available under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53, it will not enter into a capital lease for which FTA can provide only incremental federal assistance unless it has adequate financial resources to meet its future lease obligations if federal assistance is not available.

## **CATEGORY 09. TRANSIT ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AGENCY SAFETY PLAN.**

*Before FTA may provide federal assistance appropriated or made available under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 to support an Award, you must select the Certifications in Category 09 in addition to other Certifications and Assurances you must select on your Applicant's behalf, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.*

*Any provision of the Certifications in Category 09 that does not apply will not be enforced.*

### **09.A. Transit Asset Management Plan.**

*If your Applicant applies for funding appropriated or made available for 49 U.S.C. chapter 53, the Transit Asset Management Certifications in Group 09.A apply to your Applicant, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.*

On behalf of your Applicant, you certify that it and each of its Subrecipients will:

1. Follow federal guidance that, when issued, will implement the transit asset management system provisions of 49 U.S.C. § 5326, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing, and



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2. Comply with the final federal regulations that, when issued, will implement the transit asset management provisions of 49 U.S.C. § 5326.

### **09.B. Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan.**

*If your Applicant applies for funding under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 and it is a State government, local government, or any other operator of a public transportation system, the Public Transportation Safety Plan Certifications in Group 09.B apply to your Applicant, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.*

On behalf of your Applicant, you certify that it will:

1. Follow the Federal guidance, when issued, that will implement the safety plan provisions of 49 U.S.C. § 5329(d), except as FTA determines otherwise in writing, and
2. Comply with the final Federal regulations, when issued, that implement the safety plan requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5329(d).

### **CATEGORY 10. ALCOHOL AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES TESTING.**

*If your Applicant must comply with the alcohol and controlled substance testing requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5331 and its implementing regulations, before FTA may provide federal assistance for an Award, you must select the Certifications in Category 10 in addition to other Certifications and Assurances you select on your Applicant's behalf, except as FTA may determine otherwise in writing.*

*Any provision of the Certifications in Category 10 that does not apply will not be enforced.*

As required by 49 U.S.C. § 5331, and FTA regulations, "Prevention of Alcohol Misuse and Prohibited Drug Use in Transit Operations," 49 CFR part 655, subpart I, specifically 49 CFR § 655.83, on behalf of your Applicant, including an Applicant that is a state, and on behalf of its Subrecipients and Third Party Contractors, you certify that:

1. Your Applicant, its Subrecipients, and Third Party Contractors to which these testing requirements apply have established and implemented:
  - a. An alcohol misuse testing program, and
  - b. A controlled substance testing program.
2. Your Applicant, its Subrecipients, and its Third Party Contractors to which these testing requirements apply have complied or will comply with all applicable requirements of 49 CFR part 655 to the extent those regulations are consistent with 49 U.S.C. § 5331.
3. Consistent with U.S. DOT Office of Drug and Alcohol Policy and Compliance Notice, issued October 22, 2009, if your Applicant, its Subrecipients, or its Third

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Party Contractors to which these testing requirements apply reside in a state that permits marijuana use for medical or recreational purposes, your Applicant, its Subrecipients, and its Third Party Contractors to which these testing requirements apply have complied or will comply with the federal controlled substance testing requirements of 49 CFR part 655.

### **CATEGORY 11. FIXED GUIDEWAY CAPITAL INVESTMENT GRANTS PROGRAM (NEW STARTS, SMALL STARTS, AND CORE CAPACITY IMPROVEMENT).**

*Before FTA may provide federal assistance for an Award financed under the New Starts, Small Starts, or Core Capacity Improvement Program authorized under 49 U.S.C. § 5309, you must select the Certifications in Category 11 in addition to other Certifications and Assurances you must select on your Applicant's behalf, except as FTA may determine otherwise in writing.*

*Any provision of the Certifications in Category 11 that does not apply will not be enforced.*

Except as FTA determines otherwise in writing, on behalf of your Applicant, you certify that:

1. It has or will have the legal, financial, and technical capacity to carry out its Award, including the safety and security aspects of that Award,
2. It has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of its equipment and facilities acquired or improved under its Award,
3. It will maintain its equipment and facilities acquired or improved under its Award in accordance with its transit asset management plan,
4. It will comply with:
  - a. The metropolitan transportation planning requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5303, and
  - b. The statewide and nonmetropolitan transportation planning requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5304, and
5. It will comply with FTA guidance, "Final Interim Policy Guidance, Capital Investment Grant Program," August 2015, 80 *Fed. Reg.* 46514, August 5, 2015,

### **CATEGORY 12. STATE OF GOOD REPAIR PROGRAM.**

*Before FTA may provide federal assistance for an Award financed under the State of Good Repair Program authorized under 49 U.S.C. § 5337, you must select the Certifications in Category 12 in addition to other Certifications and Assurances you must select on your Applicant's behalf, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.*

*Any provision of the Assurance in Category 12 that does not apply will not be enforced.*

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On behalf of your Applicant, you certify that:

1. It has or will have the legal, financial, and technical capacity to carry out its Award, including the safety and security aspects of that Award,
2. It has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of its equipment and facilities acquired or improved under its Award,
3. It will maintain its equipment and facilities acquired or improved under its Award, in accordance with the recipient's transit asset management plan, and
4. It will comply with:
  - a. The metropolitan transportation planning requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5303, and
  - b. The statewide and nonmetropolitan transportation planning requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5304.

### **CATEGORY 13. GRANTS FOR BUSES AND BUS FACILITIES AND LOW OR NO EMISSION VEHICLE DEPLOYMENT GRANT PROGRAMS**

*Before FTA may provide federal assistance for an Award under the Buses and Bus Facilities Program authorized under 49 U.S.C. § 5339, as amended by the FAST Act, which among other things authorizes grants for Low or No Emission buses, you must select the Certifications in Category 13 in addition to other Certifications and Assurances you must select on your Applicant's behalf, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.*

*Any provision of the Certifications in Category 13 that does not apply will not be enforced.*

**13.A. Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program** The following Certifications for the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program are required by 49 U.S.C. § 5339, as amended by the FAST Act, which provides that the requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5307 shall apply to recipients of grants made in urbanized areas and the requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5311 shall apply to recipients of grants made in rural areas under this 49 U.S.C. §§ 5339(a) and (b). Therefore:

1. If your Applicant is in an urbanized area, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing, on behalf of your Applicant, you certify that:
  - a. It has or will have the legal, financial, and technical capacity to carry out its Award, including the safety and security aspects of that Award.
  - b. It has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of its equipment and facilities acquired or improved under its Award.
  - c. It will maintain its equipment and facilities acquired or improved under its Award, in accordance with the recipient's transit asset management plan,

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- d. When using or involving a facility or equipment acquired or improved with federal assistance under 49 U.S.C. § 5339 during non-peak hours for transportation, recipients in an urbanized area will ensure that the following individuals will be charged a fare not exceeding fifty (50) percent of the peak hour fare:
    - (1) Any senior,
    - (2) Any individual who, because of illness, injury, age, congenital malfunction, or any other incapacity or temporary or permanent disability (including an individual who is a wheelchair user or has semi-ambulatory capability), is unable to use a public transportation service or a public transportation facility effectively without special facilities, planning, or design,
    - (3) Any individual presenting a Medicare card issued to that individual under title II of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 401 *et seq.*), and
    - (4) Any individual presenting a Medicare card issued to that individual under title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 1395 *et seq.*).
  - e. When carrying out a procurement under 49 U.S.C. § 5339, it will comply with:
    - (1) The applicable general provisions of 49 U.S.C. § 5323, and
    - (2) The applicable third party contract provisions of 49 U.S.C. § 5325.
  - f. It has complied with or will comply with 49 U.S.C. § 5307(b).
  - g. As required by 49 U.S.C. § 5307(d):
    - (1) It has or will have the amount of funds required for the non-federal share,
    - (2) It will provide the non-federal share from sources approved by FTA, and
    - (3) It will provide the non-federal share when needed.
  - h. It will comply with:
    - (1) The metropolitan transportation planning requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5303, and
    - (2) The statewide and nonmetropolitan transportation planning requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5304.
  - i. It has a locally developed process to solicit and consider public comment before:
    - (1) Raising a fare, or
    - (2) Implementing a major reduction of public transportation service.
  - j. It will comply with the final federal regulations that, when issued, will implement the safety plan requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5329(d).
2. If your Applicant is in a rural area, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing, on behalf of your Applicant, you certify that:
- a. It has or will have and require each Subrecipient to have the legal, financial, and technical capacity to carry out its Award, including the safety and security aspects of that Award.
  - b. It has or will have and require each Subrecipient to have satisfactory continuing control over the use of its equipment and facilities acquired or improved under its Award.

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- c. It will maintain and require each Subrecipient to maintain its equipment and facilities acquired or improved under its Award, in accordance with the recipient's transit asset management plan.
- d. Its state program has provided for a fair distribution of federal assistance appropriated or made available under 49 U.S.C. § 5311(b) within the state to eligible entities, including Indian reservations.
- e. Its program provides or will provide the maximum feasible coordination of federal assistance for public transportation service with transportation service financed by other federal sources.
- f. Its Awards and Subawards in its Formula Grants for Rural Areas Program are included in:
  - (1) The statewide transportation improvement program, and
  - (2) To the extent applicable, a metropolitan transportation improvement program.
- g. With respect to the non-federal share:
  - (1) It has or will have and, as necessary, will require each Subrecipient to have the amount of funds required for the non-federal share, as required by 49 U.S.C. § 5311(g),
  - (2) It will provide and, as necessary, will require each Subrecipient to provide the non-federal share from sources approved by FTA, and
  - (3) It will provide and, as necessary, will require each Subrecipient to provide the non-federal share when needed.
- h. It may transfer a facility or equipment acquired or improved under its Award to any other Recipient eligible to receive assistance under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53, if:
  - a. The Recipient possessing the facility or equipment consents to the transfer, and
  - b. The facility or equipment will continue to be used as required under 49 U.S.C. § 5311.

### 13.B. Low or No Emission Vehicle Deployment.

*If your Applicant seeks federal assistance from FTA for an Award financed under the Low or No Emission Vehicle Development Program authorized under former 49 U.S.C. § 5312(d)(5), the Certifications and Assurances in Category 13.B apply to your Applicant, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.*

Former section 5312(d)(5)(C)(i) of title 49, United States Code, requires the following Certifications for Low or No Emission Vehicle Deployment Program before awarding federal assistance appropriated or made available under MAP-21. Therefore, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing, on behalf of your Applicant, you certify and assure that:

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1. It has or will have the legal, financial, and technical capacity to carry out its Award, including the safety and security aspects of that Award.
2. It has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of equipment and facilities acquired or improved under its Award.
3. It will maintain its equipment and facilities acquired or improved under its Award.
4. When using or involving a facility or equipment acquired or improved with federal assistance under former 49 U.S.C. § 5312(d)(5) during non-peak hours for transportation, it will ensure that the following individuals will be charged a fare not exceeding fifty (50) percent of the peak hour:
  - a. Any senior,
  - b. Any individual who, because of illness, injury, age, a congenital malfunction, or any other incapacity or temporary or permanent disability (including an individual who is a wheelchair user or who has semi-ambulatory capability) and is unable to use a public transportation service or a public transportation facility effectively without special facilities, special planning, or special design,
  - c. Any individual presenting a Medicare card issued to that individual under title II of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 401 *et seq.*), and
  - d. Any individual presenting a Medicare card issued to that individual under title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 1395 *et seq.*).
5. When carrying out a procurement under this Program, it will comply with:
  - a. The applicable general provisions of 49 U.S.C. § 5323, and
  - b. The applicable third party contract provisions of 49 U.S.C. § 5325.
6. It has complied with or will comply with 49 U.S.C. § 5307(b) because:
  - a. It has informed or will inform the public of the amounts of its federal assistance available under this Program,
  - b. It has developed or will develop, in consultation with interested parties including private transportation providers, its proposed Program of Projects for activities to be financed,
  - c. It has published or will publish its proposed Program of Projects in a way that affected individuals, private transportation providers, and local elected officials will have an opportunity to examine and submit comments on the proposed Projects and its performance as an Applicant,
  - d. It has provided or will provide an opportunity for a public hearing to obtain the views of individuals on its proposed Program of Projects,
  - e. It has assured or will assure that its proposed Program of Projects provides for coordination of public transportation services assisted under 49 U.S.C. § 5336, as amended by the FAST Act, with federally assisted transportation services supported by other federal sources,
  - f. It has considered or will consider the comments and views received, especially those of private transportation providers, in preparing its final list of Projects, and
  - g. It has made or will make the final list of Projects for which an Award is sought available to the public.

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7. With respect to the non-federal share:
  - a. It has or will have the amount of funds required for the non-federal share,
  - b. It will provide the non-federal share from sources approved by FTA, and
  - c. It will provide the non-federal share when needed.
8. It will comply with:
  - a. The metropolitan transportation planning requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5303, and
  - b. The statewide and nonmetropolitan planning requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5304.
9. It has a locally developed process to solicit and consider public comment before:
  - a. Raising a fare, or
  - b. Implementing a major reduction of public transportation service.
10. It will comply with the final federal regulations that, when issued, will implement the safety plan requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5329(d).

### **CATEGORY 14. URBANIZED AREA FORMULA GRANTS PROGRAMS AND PASSENGER FERRY GRANT PROGRAM.**

*Before FTA may provide federal assistance for an Award financed under the Urbanized Area Formula Grants Program authorized under 49 U.S.C. § 5307, as amended by the FAST Act, which among other things, authorizes federal assistance for Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) activities, and the Passenger Ferry Grant Program authorized under 49 U.S.C. § 5307(h), you must select the Certifications in Category 14 in addition to other Certifications and Assurances you must select on your Applicant's behalf, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.*

*Any provision of the Certifications in Category 14 that does not apply will not be enforced.*

#### **14.A. Urbanized Area Formula Grants Program under the FAST Act.**

*If your Applicant seeks federal assistance from FTA for an Award financed under the Urbanized Area Formula Grants Program authorized under 49 U.S.C. § 5307, as amended by the FAST Act, the Certifications in Category 14.A apply to your Applicant, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.*

The following Certifications for the Urbanized Area Formula Grants Program under 49 U.S.C. § 5307, as amended by the FAST Act are required by 49 U.S.C. § 5307(c)(1). Therefore, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing, on behalf of your Applicant, you certify that:

1. It has or will have the legal, financial, and technical capacity to carry out its Award, including the safety and security aspects of that Award.
2. It has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of its equipment and facilities acquired or improved under its Award.

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3. It will maintain its equipment and facilities acquired or improved under its Award, in accordance with the recipient's transit asset management plan,
4. When using or involving a facility or equipment acquired or improved with federal assistance under 49 U.S.C. § 5307 during non-peak hours for transportation, it will ensure that the following individuals will be charged a fare not exceeding fifty (50) percent of the peak hour fare:
  - a. Any senior,
  - b. Any individual who, because of illness, injury, age, congenital malfunction, or any other incapacity or temporary or permanent disability (including an individual who is a wheelchair user or has semi-ambulatory capability), is unable to use a public transportation service or a public transportation facility effectively without special facilities, planning, or design,
  - c. Any individual presenting a Medicare card issued to that individual under title II of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 401 *et seq.*), and
  - d. Any individual presenting a Medicare card issued to that individual under title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 1395 *et seq.*).
5. When carrying out a procurement under 49 U.S.C. § 5307, it will comply with:
  - a. The applicable general provisions of 49 U.S.C. § 5323, and
  - b. The applicable third party contract provisions of 49 U.S.C. § 5325.
6. It has complied with or will comply with 49 U.S.C. § 5307(b) because:
  - a. It has made or will make available to the public information on the amounts of federal assistance available to it under 49 U.S.C. § 5307,
  - b. It has developed or will develop, in consultation with interested parties including private transportation providers, its proposed Program of Projects for activities for which federal assistance is sought,
  - c. It has published or will publish its proposed Program of Projects in a way that affected individuals, private transportation providers, and local elected officials will have an opportunity to examine and submit comments on its proposed Program of Projects and its performance as an Applicant or Recipient,
  - d. It has provided or will provide an opportunity for a public hearing to obtain the views of individuals on its proposed Program of Projects,
  - e. It has ensured or will ensure that its proposed Program of Projects provides for coordination of transportation services financed by FTA under 49 U.S.C. § 5336, as amended by the FAST Act, with transportation services supported by other Federal Government sources,
  - f. It has considered or will consider the comments and views received, especially those of private transportation providers, in preparing its final Program of Projects, and
  - g. It has made or will make its final Program of Projects available to the public.
7. As required by 49 U.S.C. § 5307(d):
  - a. It has or will have the amount of funds required for the non-federal share,
  - b. It will provide the non-federal share from sources approved by FTA, and



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- c. It will provide the non-federal share when needed.
- 8. As required by 49 U.S.C. § 5307(c)(1)(H), it will comply with:
  - a. The metropolitan transportation planning requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5303, and
  - b. The statewide and nonmetropolitan transportation planning requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5304.
- 9. As required by 49 U.S.C. § 5307(c)(1)(I), it has a locally developed process to solicit and consider public comment before:
  - a. Raising a fare, or
  - b. Implementing a major reduction of public transportation.
- 10. Each fiscal year:
  - a. It will assure that at least one (1) percent of the amount of federal assistance under 49 U.S.C. § 5307 apportioned to its urbanized area must be expended for Public Transportation Security activities as described in 49 U.S.C. § 5307(c)(1)(J)(i) including:
    - (1) Increased lighting in or adjacent to a public transportation system (including bus stops, subway stations, parking lots, and garages),
    - (2) Increased camera surveillance of an area in or adjacent to that system,
    - (3) Emergency telephone line or lines to contact law enforcement or security personnel in an area in or adjacent to that system, and
    - (4) Any other activity intended to increase the security and safety of an existing or planned public transportation system, or
  - b. The Designated Recipients in its urbanized area certify that such expenditures for Public Transportation Security activities are not necessary.
- 11. If it serves an urbanized area with a population of at least 200,000 individuals, as determined by the Bureau of the Census:
  - a. It will provide a report by the end of the fourth quarter of the preceding federal fiscal year that lists projects carried out in the preceding fiscal year under this section for associated transit improvements as defined in 49 U.S.C. § 5302, and
  - b. The report of its Associated Transit Improvements or related activities is or will be incorporated by reference and made part of its Certifications and Assurances.
- 12. It will comply with the final federal regulations that, when issued, will implement the safety requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5329(d).

### **14.B. Passenger Ferry Grant Program.**

*If your Applicant seeks federal assistance from FTA for an Award financed under the Passenger Ferry Grant Program authorized under 49 U.S.C. § 5307(h), the Certifications in Category 14.B apply to your Applicant, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.*

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The following Certifications for the Passenger Ferry Grant Program are required by 49 U.S.C. § 5307(c)(1) or (h). Therefore, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing, on behalf of your Applicant, you certify that:

1. It has or will have the legal, financial, and technical capacity to carry out its Award, including the safety and security aspects of that Award.
2. It has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of its equipment and facilities acquired or improved under its Award.
3. It will maintain its equipment and facilities acquired or improved under its Award, in accordance with the recipient's transit asset management plan.
4. When using or involving a facility or equipment acquired or improved with federal assistance under 49 U.S.C. § 5307(h) during non-peak hours for transportation, it will ensure that the following individuals will be charged a fare not exceeding fifty (50) percent of the peak hour fare:
  - a. Any senior,
  - b. Any individual who, because of illness, injury, age, congenital malfunction, or any other incapacity or temporary or permanent disability (including an individual who is a wheelchair user or has semi-ambulatory capability), is unable to use a public transportation service or a public transportation facility effectively without special facilities, planning, or design,
  - c. Any individual presenting a Medicare card issued to that individual under title II of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 401 *et seq.*), and
  - d. Any individual presenting a Medicare card issued to that individual under title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 1395 *et seq.*).
5. When carrying out a procurement under 49 U.S.C. § 5307(h), it will comply with:
  - a. The applicable general provisions of 49 U.S.C. § 5323, and
  - b. The applicable third party contract provisions of 49 U.S.C. § 5325.
6. As required by 49 U.S.C. § 5307(d):
  - a. It has or will have the amount of funds required for the non-federal share,
  - b. It will provide the non-federal share from sources approved by FTA, and
  - c. It will provide the non-federal share when needed.
7. As required by 49 U.S.C. § 5307(c)(1)(H), it will comply with:
  - a. The metropolitan transportation planning requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5303, and
  - b. The statewide and nonmetropolitan transportation planning requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5304.
8. As required by 49 U.S.C. § 5307(c)(1)(I), it has a locally developed process to solicit and consider public comment before:
  - a. Raising a fare, or
  - b. Implementing a major reduction of public transportation service.
9. It will comply with the final federal regulations that, when issued, will implement the safety plan requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5329(d).

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### CATEGORY 15. SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAMS.

*Before FTA may provide federal assistance for an Award financed under the Formula Grants for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program authorized under 49 U.S.C. § 5310, as amended by the FAST Act, you must select the Certifications in Category 15 in addition to other Certifications and Assurances you must select on your Applicant's behalf, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.*

*Any provision of the Certifications in Category 15 that does not apply will not be enforced.*

1. The following Certifications for the Formula Grants for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program are required by 49 U.S.C. § 5310. Therefore, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing, on behalf of your Applicant, you certify that:
  - a. Each Subrecipient is:
    - (1) A private nonprofit organization, or
    - (2) A state or local governmental authority that:
      - (a) Is approved by a state to coordinate services for seniors and individuals with disabilities, or
      - (b) Certifies that there are no private nonprofit organizations readily available in the area to provide the services authorized for support under the Formula Grants for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program.
  - b. It will comply with the following selection and planning requirements:
    - (1) The Projects it has selected or will select for an Award or Subaward of federal assistance appropriated or made available under 49 U.S.C. § 5310 are included in a public transit-human services transportation plan that has been:
      - (a) Locally developed, and
      - (b) Coordinated.
    - (2) The public transit-human services transportation plan was developed and approved through a process that included participation by:
      - (a) Seniors,
      - (b) Individuals with disabilities,
      - (c) Representatives of public, private, and nonprofit transportation providers,
      - (d) Representatives of public, private, and nonprofit human services providers, and
      - (e) Other members of the public.
    - (3) Within its Award, the Projects selected to receive federal assistance will assist in providing transportation services for seniors and individuals with

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disabilities are included in its Program of Projects, that is or will be submitted to FTA annually.

- (4) To the maximum extent feasible, the services financed by 49 U.S.C. § 5310 will be coordinated with transportation services financed by other federal departments and agencies, including any transportation activities carried out by a recipient of federal assistance from the Department of Health and Human Services.
- c. As required by 49 U.S.C. § 5310(e)(2)(B), it certifies that if it allocates to any Subrecipient federal assistance received under 49 U.S.C. § 5310, it will have allocated that federal assistance on a fair and equitable basis.
- d. It will not transfer a facility or equipment acquired or improved with federal assistance appropriated or made available for a grant under 49 U.S.C. § 5310 to any other recipient eligible to receive assistance under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53, unless:
  - (1) The recipient possessing the facility or equipment consents to the transfer, and
  - (2) The facility or equipment will continue to be used as required under 49 U.S.C. § 5310.
- e. As required by 49 U.S.C. § 5310(b)(2), it will use at least fifty-five (55) percent of the federal assistance it receives for Capital Projects to meet the special needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities.
- f. The requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5307, as determined by FTA, will apply to the Formula Grants for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program authorized by 49 U.S.C. § 5310.
2. FTA has determined that certain requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5307 are appropriate for the Formula Grants for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program, some of which require Certifications. Therefore, as specified under 49 U.S.C. § 5307(c)(1), it certifies that:
  - a. It has or will have and will require each Subrecipient to have the legal, financial, and technical capacity to carry out its Award, including the safety and security aspects of that Award.
  - b. It has or will have and will require each Subrecipient to have satisfactory continuing control over the use of its equipment and facilities acquired or improved under its Award or Subaward.
  - c. It will maintain and will require each Subrecipient to maintain its equipment and facilities acquired or improved under its Award or Subaward, in accordance with the recipient's transit asset management plan.
  - d. When carrying out a procurement under the Formula Grants for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program, it will require each Subrecipient to comply with:
    - (1) The applicable general provisions of 49 U.S.C. § 5323, and
    - (2) The applicable third party contract provisions of 49 U.S.C. § 5325.

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- e. With respect to the non-federal share:
  - (1) It has or will have and, as necessary, will require each Subrecipient to have the amount of funds required for the non-federal share, as required by 49 U.S.C. § 5310,
  - (2) It will provide and, as necessary, will require each Subrecipient to provide the non-federal share from sources approved by FTA, and
  - (3) It will provide and, as necessary, will require each Subrecipient to provide the non-federal share when needed.
- f. It has complied or will comply and will require each Subrecipient to comply with:
  - (1) The metropolitan transportation planning requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5303, and
  - (2) The statewide and nonmetropolitan transportation planning requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5304.
- g. To the extent applicable, it will comply and require its Subrecipients to comply with the final federal regulations that, when issued, will implement the safety plan requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5329(d).

### CATEGORY 16. RURAL AREAS AND APPALACHIAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.

*Before FTA may provide federal assistance for an Award financed under the Formula Grants for Rural Areas Program authorized under 49 U.S.C. § 5311(b), as amended by FAST Act, and the Appalachian Development Public Transportation Assistance Program authorized under 49 U.S.C. § 5311(c)(2), as amended by FAST, you must select the Certifications in Category 16 in addition to other Certifications and Assurances you must select on your Applicant's behalf, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.*

*Any provision of the Certifications and Assurances in Category 16 that does not apply will not be enforced.*

#### **16.A. Formula Grants for Rural Areas Program.**

*If your Applicant seeks federal assistance from FTA for an Award financed under the Formula Grants for Rural Areas Program authorized under 49 U.S.C. § 5311, as amended by FAST Act, the Certifications in Category 16.A apply to your Applicant, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.*

The following Certifications apply to each state or state organization serving as your Applicant for federal assistance appropriated or made available for the Rural Areas Formula Program financed under 49 U.S.C. § 5311(b), as amended by FAST Act. On its behalf, you certify and assure that:

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1. It has or will have and require each Subrecipient to have the legal, financial, and technical capacity to carry out its Award, including the safety and security aspects of that Award.
2. It has or will have and require each Subrecipient to have satisfactory continuing control over the use of its equipment and facilities acquired or improved under its Award.
3. It will maintain and require each Subrecipient to maintain its equipment and facilities acquired or improved under its Award, in accordance with the recipient's transit asset management plan.
4. Its state program has provided for a fair distribution of federal assistance appropriated or made available under 49 U.S.C. § 5311(b) within the state to eligible entities, including Indian reservations.
5. Its program provides or will provide the maximum feasible coordination of federal assistance for public transportation service authorized by 49 U.S.C. § 5311(b) with transportation service financed by other federal sources.
6. Its Awards and Subawards in its Formula Grants for Rural Areas Program are included in:
  - a. The statewide transportation improvement program, and
  - b. To the extent applicable, a metropolitan transportation improvement program.
7. With respect to the non-federal share:
  - a. It has or will have and, as necessary, will require each Subrecipient to have the amount of funds required for the non-federal share, as required by former 49 U.S.C. § 5311(g),
  - b. It will provide and, as necessary, will require each Subrecipient to provide the non-federal share from sources approved by FTA, and
  - c. It will provide and, as necessary, will require each Subrecipient to provide the non-federal share when needed.
8. It may transfer a facility or equipment acquired or improved under its Award to any other Recipient eligible to receive assistance under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53, if:
  - a. The Recipient possessing the facility or equipment consents to the transfer, and
  - b. The facility or equipment will continue to be used as required under 49 U.S.C. § 5311.
9. Each fiscal year:
  - a. It will spend at least fifteen (15) percent of its federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. § 5311 and available that fiscal year for eligible activities to develop and support intercity bus transportation within the state including:
    - (1) Planning and marketing for intercity bus transportation,
    - (2) Capital grants for intercity bus facilities,
    - (3) Joint-use facilities,
    - (4) Operating grants through purchase-of-service agreements, user-side subsidies, and demonstration projects, and

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- (5) Coordinating rural connections between small public transportation operations and intercity bus carriers, or
- b. It will provide to FTA a Certification from the governor of the state that:
  - (1) It has consulted with the affected intercity bus service providers about the intercity bus needs of the state, and
  - (2) The state's intercity bus service needs are being met adequately.

### **16.B. Appalachian Development Public Transportation Assistance Program.**

*If your Applicant seeks federal assistance from FTA for an Award financed under the Appalachian Development Public Transportation Assistance Program authorized under 49 U.S.C. § 5311(c)(2), the Certification in Category 16.C applies to your Applicant, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.*

On behalf of your Applicant, you certify and assure that, in addition to other Certifications and Assurances it must provide, if it is unable to use its federal assistance made available or appropriated for public transportation operating assistance, in accordance with 49 U.S.C. § 5311(c)(2)(D), it may use the federal assistance for a Highway Project only after:

- 1. It provides notice and an opportunity for comment and appeal to affected public transportation providers,
- 2. It approves such use in writing, and
- 3. In approving the use, it determines that local transit needs are being addressed.

### **CATEGORY 17. TRIBAL TRANSIT PROGRAMS (PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS PROGRAMS).**

*Before FTA may provide federal assistance for an Award financed under either the Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Formula or Discretionary Program authorized under 49 U.S.C. § 5311(c)(1), as amended by the FAST Act, (Tribal Transit Programs), you must select the Certifications in Category 17 in addition to other Certifications and Assurances you must select on your Applicant's behalf, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.*

*Any provision of the Certifications in Category 17 that does not apply will not be enforced.*

FTA has established terms and conditions for Tribal Transit Program grants financed with federal assistance appropriated or made available under 49 U.S.C. § 5311(c)(1). On behalf of your Applicant, you certify and assure that:

- 1. It has or will have the legal, financial, and technical capacity to carry out its Award, including the safety and security aspects of that Award.

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2. It has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of its equipment and facilities acquired or improved under its Award.
3. It will maintain its equipment and facilities acquired or improved under its Award, in accordance with the recipient's transit asset management plan.
4. Its Award will achieve maximum feasible coordination with transportation service financed by other federal sources.
5. With respect to its procurement system:
  - a. It will have a procurement system that complies with U.S. DOT regulations, "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards," 2 CFR part 1201, which incorporates by reference U.S. OMB regulatory guidance, "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards," 2 CFR part 200, for Awards made on or after December 26, 2014,
  - b. It will have a procurement system that complies with U.S. DOT regulations, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments," 49 CFR part 18, specifically former 49 CFR § 18.36, for Awards made before December 26, 2014, or
  - c. It will inform FTA promptly that its procurement system does not comply with either of those U.S. DOT regulations.
6. It will comply with the Buy America requirements under 49 U.S.C. § 5323(j), as amended by FAST Act, and FTA regulations, "Buy America Requirements," 49 CFR part 661.
7. It will comply with the Certifications, Assurances, and Agreements in:
  - a. Category 03.B and 03.C (Charter Service Agreement and School Bus Agreement),
  - b. Category 05.B (Bus Testing),
  - c. Category 06 (Demand Responsive Service),
  - d. Category 07 (Intelligent Transportation Systems), and
  - e. Category 10 (Alcohol and Controlled Substances Testing).

### **CATEGORY 18. STATE SAFETY OVERSIGHT GRANT PROGRAM.**

*Before FTA may provide federal assistance for an Award financed under the State Safety Oversight Grant Program authorized under 49 U.S.C. § 5329(e)(6), you must select the Certifications in Category 18 in addition to other Certifications and Assurances you must select on your Applicant's behalf, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.*

*Any provision of the Certifications in Category 18 that does not apply will not be enforced.*



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On behalf of your Applicant, you certify that:

1. It has or will have the legal, financial, and technical capacity to carry out its Award, including the safety and security aspects of that Award.
2. It has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of equipment and facilities acquired or improved under its Award.
3. It will maintain its equipment and facilities acquired or improved under its Award.
4. When carrying out a procurement under its Award, it will comply with:
  - a. The applicable general provisions of 49 U.S.C. § 5323, and
  - b. The applicable third party contract provisions of 49 U.S.C. § 5325.
5. As required by 49 U.S.C. § 5329(e)(6)(C):
  - a. It has or will have the amount of funds required for the non-federal share,
  - b. It will provide the non-federal share only from sources approved by FTA, and will not be met by:
    - (1) Any federal assistance,
    - (2) Any funds received from a public transportation agency, or
    - (3) Any revenues earned by a public transportation agency, and
  - c. Will provide the non-federal share when needed.
6. It meets the applicable requirements of FTA regulations, "Rail Fixed Guideway Systems: State Safety Oversight," 49 CFR part 659.
7. It has received or will receive an FTA certification upon a determination that its State Safety Oversight Program meets the requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5329(e) and is adequate to promote the purposes of 49 U.S.C. § 5329.

### CATEGORY 19. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAM.

*Before FTA may provide federal assistance for an Award financed under the Public Transportation Emergency Relief Program authorized under 49 U.S.C. § 5324, you must select the Certifications in Category 19 in addition to other Certifications and Assurances you must select on your Applicant's behalf, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.*

*Any provision of the Assurance in Category 19 that does not apply will not be enforced.*

As required by 49 U.S.C. § 5324(d), on behalf of your Applicant, you assure that it will:

1. Comply with the requirements of the Certifications and Assurances as FTA determines will apply to an Applicant for federal assistance appropriated or made available for the Public Transportation Emergency Relief Program, and
2. Comply with FTA regulations, "Emergency Relief," 49 C.F.R. part 602.

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### **CATEGORY 20. EXPEDITED PROJECT DELIVERY PILOT PROGRAM.**

*Before FTA may provide federal assistance for an Award financed under the Expedited Project Delivery Pilot Program authorized under section 3005(b) of the FAST Act, you must select the Certifications in Category 20 in addition to other Certifications and Assurances you must select on your Applicant's behalf, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.*

*To the extent that any Certification in Category 20 does not apply, it will not be enforced.*

As required by section 3005(b)(3)(B) of the FAST Act, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing, on behalf of your Applicant, you certify that:

1. It has or will have the legal, financial, and technical capacity to carry out its Award, including the safety and security aspects of that Award.
2. It has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of its equipment and facilities acquired or improved under its Award.
3. It will maintain its equipment and facilities acquired or improved under its Award in accordance with the recipient's transit asset management plan.
4. It will comply with:
  - a. The metropolitan transportation planning requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5303, and
  - b. The statewide and nonmetropolitan transportation planning requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5304.

### **CATEGORY 21. INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE PROGRAMS.**

*Before FTA may provide credit assistance for an Award financed under the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) Program authorized under 23 U.S.C. §§ 601 – 609, or the State Infrastructure Banks (SIB) Program authorized under 23 U.S.C. § 610, you must select the Certifications in Category 23 in addition to other Certifications and Assurances you must select on your Applicant's behalf, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.*

*Any provision of the Certifications and Assurances in Category 21 that does not apply will not be enforced.*

#### **21.A. Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) Program.**

*If your Applicant seeks federal assistance from FTA for an Award financed under the TIFIA Program authorized under 23 U.S.C. §§ 601 – 609 the Certifications and Assurances in Category 23.A applies to your Applicant, except as FTA determines*

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*otherwise in writing. In administering this Program, the FAST Act cross-cutting requirements supersede inconsistent former requirements.*

On behalf of your Applicant, you certify and assure, as required by 49 U.S.C. § 5323(o), that federal transit laws, specifically 49 U.S.C. § 5307, 49 U.S.C. § 5309, and 49 U.S.C. § 5337, apply to any Project under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 that receives TIFIA credit assistance under 23 U.S.C. §§ 601 – 609.

1. To comply with 49 U.S.C. § 5307, specifically 49 U.S.C. § 5307(c)(1), on its behalf, you certify that:
  - a. It has or will have the legal, financial, and technical capacity to carry out its Award, including the safety and security aspects of that Award.
  - b. It has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of equipment and facilities acquired or improved under its Award.
  - c. It will maintain its equipment and facilities acquired or improved under its Award, in accordance with the recipient's transit asset management plan.
  - d. For transportation during non-peak hours and using or involving a facility or equipment of an Award financed using 49 U.S.C. § 5307 funds, it will ensure that the following individuals will be charged a fare not exceeding fifty (50) percent of the peak hour fare:
    - (1) Any senior,
    - (2) Any individual who, because of illness, injury, age, congenital malfunction, or other incapacity or temporary or permanent disability (including an individual who is a wheelchair user or has semi-ambulatory capability), is unable to use a public transportation service or a public transportation facility effectively without special facilities, planning, or design,
    - (3) Any individual presenting a Medicare card issued to that individual under title II of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 401 *et seq.*), and
    - (4) Any individual presenting a Medicare card issued to that individual under title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 1395 *et seq.*).
  - e. When carrying out a TIFIA-financed procurement, it will comply with:
    - (1) The applicable provisions of 49 U.S.C. § 5323, and
    - (2) The applicable provisions of 49 U.S.C. § 5325.
  - f. It has complied with or will comply with 49 U.S.C. § 5307(b).
  - g.
    - (1) It has or will have no more than 80 percent of the Total Award Budget as the sum of all federal grants and any TIFIA-financed awards,
    - (2) It will provide the non-federal share from sources approved by FTA, and
    - (3) It will provide the non-federal share when needed.
  - h. It will comply with:
    - (1) The metropolitan transportation planning requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5303, and
    - (2) The statewide and nonmetropolitan planning requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5304.

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- i. It has a locally developed process to solicit and consider public comment before:
  - (1) Raising a fare, or
  - (2) Implementing a major reduction of public transportation.
- j. It will comply with the final federal regulations that, when issued, will implement the safety plan requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5329(d).
2. To comply with the interest and financing costs restrictions of 49 U.S.C. chapter 53, it agrees that it will not seek reimbursement for interest or any other financing costs incurred in connection with its Award that must be in compliance with those requirements unless:
  - a. It is eligible to receive federal assistance for those expenses, and
  - b. Its records demonstrate that it has used reasonable diligence in seeking the most favorable financing terms underlying those costs, to the extent FTA may require.
3. It will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*).
4. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. § 5321 *et seq.*, it will receive an environmental categorical exclusion, a finding of no significant impact, or a record of decision under NEPA for its Award before obligating federal assistance.
5. It agrees that it will adopt a transit asset management plan that complies with regulations implementing 49 U.S.C. § 5326(d), when required.

### 21.B. State Infrastructure Banks (SIB) Program.

*If your Applicant is a state and seeks federal assistance from FTA financed under the SIB Program authorized under 23 U.S.C. § 610, the Certifications and Assurances in Category 23.B applies to your state and its Award, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing. In administering this Program, the FAST Act cross-cutting requirements supersede inconsistent former requirements.*

On behalf of the state organization serving as your Applicant for federal assistance for its SIB Program, you certify and assure that:

1. It will comply with the following applicable federal laws establishing the various SIB Programs since 1995:
  - a. 23 U.S.C. § 610, as amended by the FAST Act,
  - b. 23 U.S.C. § 610 or its predecessor before the FAST Act was signed into law,
  - c. Section 1511 of TEA-21, 23 U.S.C. § 181 note, or
  - d. Section 350 of the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995, as amended, 23 U.S.C. § 181.
2. It will comply with or follow the Cooperative Agreement establishing the state's SIB Program between:
  - a. It and FHWA, FRA, and FTA, or
  - b. It and FHWA and FTA.

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3. It will comply with or follow the Grant Agreement that provides federal assistance from FTA for the SIB and is between it and FTA, including the FTA Master Agreement, which is incorporated by reference into the Grant Agreement, except that any provision of the FTA Master Agreement incorporated by reference into that Grant Agreement will not apply if it conflicts with any provision of:
  - a. 23 U.S.C. § 610, as amended by the FAST Act,
  - b. 23 U.S.C. § 610 or its predecessor before the FAST Act was signed into law,
  - c. Section 1511 of TEA-21, 23 U.S.C. § 181 note, or section 350 of the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995, as amended, 23 U.S.C. § 181 note,
  - d. Federal guidance pertaining to the SIB Program,
  - e. The Cooperative Agreement establishing the state's SIB Program, or
  - f. The Grant Agreement with FTA.
4. As required by 49 U.S.C. § 5323(o), federal transit laws, specifically 49 U.S.C. § 5307, 49 U.S.C. § 5309, and 49 U.S.C. § 5337, as amended by the FAST Act, apply to any Award under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 that receives SIB support or financing under 23 U.S.C. § 610 (or any support from 23 U.S.C. §§ 601 – 609).
5. As required by 49 U.S.C. § 5323(o) and 49 U.S.C. § 5307(c)(1):
  - a. It has or will have the legal, financial, and technical capacity to carry out its Award, including the safety and security aspects of that Award.
  - b. It has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of equipment and facilities acquired or improved under its Award.
  - c. It will maintain its equipment and facilities acquired or improved under its Award, in accordance with the recipient's transit asset management plan.
  - d. When using or involving a facility or equipment acquired or improved with federal assistance under a SIB-financed Award during non-peak hours for transportation, it will ensure that the following individuals will be charged a fare not exceeding fifty (50) percent of the peak hour fare:
    - (1) Any senior,
    - (2) Any individual who, because of illness, injury, age, congenital malfunction, or any other incapacity or temporary or permanent disability (including an individual who is a wheelchair user or has semi-ambulatory capability), is unable to use a public transportation service or a public transportation facility effectively without special facilities, planning, or design,
    - (3) Any individual presenting a Medicare card issued to that individual under title II of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 401 *et seq.*), and
    - (4) Any individual presenting a Medicare card issued to that individual under title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 1395 *et seq.*).
  - e. When carrying out a procurement under a SIB-financed Award, it will comply with:
    - (1) The applicable general provisions of 49 U.S.C. § 5323, and
    - (2) The applicable third party contract provisions of 49 U.S.C. § 5325.
  - f. It has complied with or will comply with 49 U.S.C. § 5307(b).

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- g. (1) It has or will have the amount of funds required for the non-federal share by the SIB Program, but not less than twenty-five (25) percent of each capitalization grant,
- (2) It will provide the non-federal share from sources approved by FTA, and
- (3) It will provide the non-federal share when needed.
- h. It will comply with:
  - (1) The metropolitan transportation planning requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5303, and
  - (2) The statewide and nonmetropolitan planning requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5304.
- i. It has a locally developed process to solicit and consider public comment before:
  - (1) Raising a fare, or
  - (2) Implementing a major reduction of public transportation.
- j. It will comply with the final federal regulations that, when issued, will implement the safety plan requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5329(d).
- 6. As required by 49 U.S.C. chapter 53, it certifies that it will not seek reimbursement for interest or any other financing costs incurred in connection with its Award unless:
  - a. It is eligible to receive federal assistance for those expenses, and
  - b. Its records demonstrate that it has used reasonable diligence in seeking the most favorable financing terms underlying those costs, as FTA may require.
- 7. It agrees that it will adopt a transit asset management plan that complies with regulations implementing 49 U.S.C. § 5326(d).

### GROUP CATEGORY 22. PAUL S. SARBANES TRANSIT IN PARKS PROGRAM

*Before FTA may provide federal assistance for an Award financed under the Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program authorized under former 49 U.S.C. § 5320, in effect in FY 2012 or a previous fiscal year, except as superseded by FAST Act requirements that apply you must select the Certifications in Category 22 in addition to other Certifications and Assurances you must select on your Applicant's behalf, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.*

*Any provision of the Certifications and Assurances in Category 22 that does not apply will not be enforced.*

- 1. Except as superseded by the FAST Act cross-cutting requirements that apply, the following Certifications and Assurances for the Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program (Parks Program) are required by former 49 U.S.C. § 5320, in effect in FY 2012 or a previous fiscal year. Therefore, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing, on behalf of your Applicant, you certify that:

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- a. It will consult with the appropriate federal land management agency during the planning process, and
- b. The requirements of former 49 U.S.C. § 5307, as determined by FTA, will apply to the Parks Program authorized by former 49 U.S.C. § 5320.
- 2. FTA has determined certain requirements of former 49 U.S.C. § 5307 to be appropriate for the Parks Program, of which some require Certifications. Therefore, as specified under former 49 U.S.C. § 5307(d)(1), except as superseded by the FAST Act cross-cutting requirements that apply, you certify that:
  - a. It has or will have the legal, financial, and technical capacity to carry out its Award, including the safety and security aspects of that Award.
  - b. It has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of equipment and facilities acquired or improved under its Award.
  - c. It will maintain its equipment and facilities acquired or improved under its Award.
  - d. When carrying out a procurement under former 49 U.S.C. § 5320, it will comply and will require each Subrecipient to comply with the following provisions:
    - (1) Competitive procurement (as defined or approved by FTA) requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5325(a),
    - (2) The prohibition against exclusionary or discriminatory specifications in its procurements under 49 U.S.C. § 5323(h),
    - (3) “Buy America” requirements under 49 U.S.C. § 5323(j), as amended by the FAST Act, and FTA regulations, “Buy America Requirements,” 49 CFR part 661,
    - (4) Applicable pre-award and post-delivery requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5323(m),
    - (5) Applicable railcar option restrictions of 49 U.S.C. § 5325(e), and
    - (6) “Veterans Preference/Employment” requirements under 49 U.S.C. § 5325(k).
  - e. It will comply with other applicable requirements under 49 U.S.C. § 5323 and § 5325.
  - f. It has complied or will comply with the requirements of former 49 U.S.C. § 5307(c), and specifically:
    - (1) It has made or will make available to the public information on the amounts available for the Parks Program, former 49 U.S.C. § 5320, and the Projects it proposes to implement under its Award,
    - (2) It has developed or will develop, in consultation with interested parties including private transportation providers, Projects to be financed under its Award,
    - (3) It has published or will publish a list of proposed Projects in a way that affected citizens, private transportation providers, and local elected officials have the opportunity to examine the proposed Projects and submit comments on the proposed Projects and its performance,

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- (4) It has provided or will provide an opportunity for a public hearing to obtain the views of citizens on the proposed Projects,
- (5) It has considered or will consider the comments and views received, especially those of private transportation providers, in preparing its final list of Projects, and
- (6) It has made or will make the final list of Projects for which an Award is sought available to the public.
- g. With respect to the non-federal share:
  - (1) It has or will have and, as necessary, will require each Subrecipient to have the amount of funds required for the non-federal share, as required by 49 U.S.C. § 5320,
  - (2) It will provide the non-federal share from sources approved by FTA, and
  - (3) It will provide the non-federal share when needed.
- h. It has complied or will comply with and will require each Subrecipient to comply with:
  - (1) The metropolitan transportation planning requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5303, and
  - (2) The statewide and nonmetropolitan planning requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5304.
- i. It has a locally developed process to solicit and consider public comment before:
  - (1) Raising a fare, or
  - (2) Implementing a major reduction of public transportation.

### CATEGORY 23. CONSTRUCTION HIRING PREFERENCES.

*Before FTA may provide federal assistance for a third party contract for construction hiring financed under title 49 U.S.C. or title 23 U.S.C. using a geographic, economic, or any other hiring preference not otherwise authorized by federal law or regulation, you must select the Certifications in Category 23 on behalf of your Applicant in addition to other Certifications you must select on your Applicant's behalf, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.*

*Any provision of the Certifications in Category 23 that does not apply will not be enforced.*

As provided by section 192 of division L, title I of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016, Pub. L. 114-113, on behalf of your Applicant, you certify that if, in connection with any third party contract for construction hiring financed under title 49 U.S.C. or title 23 U.S.C., it uses a geographic, economic, or any other hiring preference not otherwise authorized by law or prohibited under 2 CFR § 200.319(b):

- 1. Except with respect to apprentices or trainees, a pool of readily available but unemployed individuals possessing the knowledge, skill, and ability to perform the



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work that the third party contract requires resides in the jurisdiction where the work will be performed;

2. It will include appropriate provisions in its bid document ensuring that its third party contractor(s) do not displace any of its existing employees in order to satisfy such hiring preference; and
3. That any increase in the cost of labor, training, or delays resulting from the use of such hiring preference does not delay or displace any transportation project in the applicable Statewide Transportation Improvement Program or Transportation Improvement Program.

Selection and Signature Page(s) follow.

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(Signature pages alternative to providing Certifications and Assurances in TrAMS)

Name of Applicant: Houston-Galveston Area Council

The Applicant agrees to comply with applicable provisions of Categories 01 – 23. X  
OR

The Applicant agrees to comply with applicable provisions of the Categories it has selected:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>	
01.	Required Certifications and Assurances for Each Applicant.	_____
02.	Lobbying.	_____
03.	Procurement and Procurement Systems.	_____
04.	Private Sector Protections.	_____
05.	Rolling Stock Reviews and Bus Testing.	_____
06.	Demand Responsive Service.	_____
07.	Intelligent Transportation Systems.	_____
08.	Interest and Financing Costs and Acquisition of Capital Assets by Lease.	_____
09.	Transit Asset Management Plan and Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan.	_____
10.	Alcohol and Controlled Substances Testing.	_____
11.	Fixed Guideway Capital Investment Grants Program (New Starts, Small Starts, and Core Capacity Improvement).	_____
12.	State of Good Repair Program.	_____
13.	Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities and Low or No Emission Vehicle Deployment Grant Programs.	_____
14.	Urbanized Area Formula Grants Programs and Passenger Ferry Grant Program.	_____
15.	Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Programs.	_____
16.	Rural Areas and Appalachian Development Programs.	_____
17.	Tribal Transit Programs (Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Programs).	_____
18.	State Safety Oversight Grant Program.	_____
19.	Public Transportation Emergency Relief Program.	_____
20.	Expedited Project Delivery Pilot Program.	_____
21.	Infrastructure Finance Programs.	_____
22.	Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program.	_____
23.	Hiring Preferences	_____

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(Required of all Applicants for federal assistance to be awarded by FTA and all FTA Grantees with an active Capital or Formula Award)

#### AFFIRMATION OF APPLICANT

Name of the Applicant: Houston-Galveston Area Council

Name and Relationship of the Authorized Representative: Jack Steele, Executive Director

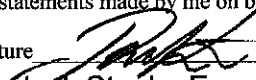
BY SIGNING BELOW, on behalf of the Applicant, I declare that it has duly authorized me to make these Certifications and Assurances and bind its compliance. Thus, it agrees to comply with all federal laws, regulations, and requirements, follow applicable federal guidance, and comply with the Certifications and Assurances as indicated on the foregoing page applicable to each application its Authorized Representative makes to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in federal fiscal year 2016, irrespective of whether the individual that acted on his or her Applicant's behalf continues to represent it.

FTA intends that the Certifications and Assurances the Applicant selects on the other side of this document should apply to each Award for which it now seeks, or may later seek federal assistance to be awarded by FTA during federal fiscal year 2016.

The Applicant affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of the Certifications and Assurances it has selected in the statements submitted with this document and any other submission made to FTA, and acknowledges that the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, 31 U.S.C. § 3801 *et seq.*, and implementing U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 CFR part 31, apply to any certification, assurance or submission made to FTA. The criminal provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 apply to any certification, assurance, or submission made in connection with a federal public transportation program authorized by 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 or any other statute.

In signing this document, I declare under penalties of perjury that the foregoing Certifications and Assurances, and any other statements made by me on behalf of the Applicant are true and accurate.

Signature



Date: 3-15-16

Name Jack Steele, Executive Director

Authorized Representative of Applicant

#### AFFIRMATION OF APPLICANT'S ATTORNEY

For (Name of Applicant): Houston-Galveston Area Council

As the undersigned Attorney for the above named Applicant, I hereby affirm to the Applicant that it has authority under state, local, or tribal government law, as applicable, to make and comply with the Certifications and Assurances as indicated on the foregoing pages. I further affirm that, in my opinion, the Certifications and Assurances have been legally made and constitute legal and binding obligations on it.

I further affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, there is no legislation or litigation pending or imminent that might adversely affect the validity of these Certifications and Assurances, or of the performance of its FTA assisted Award.

Signature

Kathleen Ellison

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name

Attorney for Applicant

*Each Applicant for federal assistance to be awarded by FTA and each FTA Recipient with an active Capital or Formula Project or Award must provide an Affirmation of Applicant's Attorney pertaining to the Applicant's legal capacity. The Applicant may enter its electronic signature in lieu of the Attorney's signature within FTA's electronic award and management system, provided the Applicant has on file and uploaded to FTA's electronic award and management system this hard-copy Affirmation, signed by the attorney and dated this federal fiscal year.*

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### AFFIRMATION OF APPLICANT

Name of the Applicant: Houston-Galveston Area Council

Name and Relationship of the Authorized Representative: Jack Steele, Executive Director

BY SIGNING BELOW, on behalf of the Applicant, I declare that it has duly authorized me to make these Certifications and Assurances and bind its compliance. Thus, it agrees to comply with all federal laws, regulations, and requirements, follow applicable federal guidance, and comply with the Certifications and Assurances as indicated on the foregoing page applicable to each application its Authorized Representative makes to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in federal fiscal year 2016, irrespective of whether the individual that acted on his or her Applicant's behalf continues to represent it.

FTA intends that the Certifications and Assurances the Applicant selects on the other side of this document should apply to each Award for which it now seeks, or may later seek federal assistance to be awarded by FTA during federal fiscal year 2016.

The Applicant affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of the Certifications and Assurances it has selected in the statements submitted with this document and any other submission made to FTA, and acknowledges that the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, 31 U.S.C. § 3801 *et seq.*, and implementing U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 CFR part 31, apply to any certification, assurance or submission made to FTA. The criminal provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 apply to any certification, assurance, or submission made in connection with a federal public transportation program authorized by 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 or any other statute.

In signing this document, I declare under penalties of perjury that the foregoing Certifications and Assurances, and any other statements made by me on behalf of the Applicant are true and accurate.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Jack Steele, Executive Director  
Authorized Representative of Applicant

### AFFIRMATION OF APPLICANT'S ATTORNEY

For (Name of Applicant): Houston-Galveston Area Council

As the undersigned Attorney for the above named Applicant, I hereby affirm to the Applicant that it has authority under state, local, or tribal government law, as applicable, to make and comply with the Certifications and Assurances as indicated on the foregoing pages. I further affirm that, in my opinion, the Certifications and Assurances have been legally made and constitute legal and binding obligations on it.

I further affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, there is no legislation or litigation pending or imminent that might adversely affect the validity of these Certifications and Assurances, or of the performance of its FTA assisted Award.

Signature Kathleen Ellison Date: 3/18/16  
Name Kathleen Ellison  
Attorney for Applicant

*Each Applicant for federal assistance to be awarded by FTA and each FTA Recipient with an active Capital or Formula Project or Award must provide an Affirmation of Applicant's Attorney pertaining to the Applicant's legal capacity. The Applicant may enter its electronic signature in lieu of the Attorney's signature within FTA's electronic award and management system, provided the Applicant has on file and uploaded to FTA's electronic award and management system this hard-copy Affirmation, signed by the attorney and dated this federal fiscal year.*

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### LOBBYING CERTIFICATION REQUIRED FOR EACH APPLICATION EXCEEDING \$100,000

**(TxDOT requires this form to be completed by all Applicants)**

An Applicant that submits, or intends to submit this fiscal year, an application for Federal assistance exceeding \$100,000 **from all Federal sources** must provide the following certification. FTA may not provide Federal assistance for an application exceeding \$100,000 until the Applicant provides this certification by selecting Category II on the Signature Page.

The undersigned certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- A. As required by U.S. DOT regulations, "New Restrictions on Lobbying," at 49 CFR 20.110, the Applicant's authorized representative certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that for each application for a Federal assistance exceeding \$100,000:
- (1) No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement; and
  - (2) If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form - LLL, "Lobbying Certification", in accordance with its instructions; and
  - (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclosure accordingly.
- B. The Applicant understands that this certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed and that submission of this certification is a prerequisite for providing Federal assistance for a transaction covered by 31 U.S.C. 13 52. The Applicant also understands that any person who fails to file a required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Houston-Galveston Area Council  
Legal Name of Applicant

  
Signature of Certifying Official

Title: Executive Director

Date: 4-19-16

Approved by  
OMB0348-0046

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF SF-LLL, LOBBYING CERTIFICATION

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether subawardee or prime Federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or a material change to a previous filing, pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make a payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.
2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.
3. Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this is a follow-up report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.
4. Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be, a prime or subaward recipient. Identify the tier of the subawardee, e.g., the first subawardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.
5. If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks "Subawardee," then enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.
6. Enter the name of the Federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.
7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and loan commitments.
8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number; Invitation for Bid (IFB) number; grant announcement number; the contract, grant, or loan award number; the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Include prefixes, e.g., "RFP-DE-90-001."
9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in item 4 or 5.
10. (a) Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the lobbying registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 engaged by the reporting entity identified in item 4 to influence the covered Federal action. (b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services, and include full address if different from 10 (a). Enter Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial (MI).
11. The certifying official shall sign and date the form; print his/her name, title, and telephone number.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act, as amended, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB Control Number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is OMB No. 0348-0046. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including

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suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0046), Washington, DC 20503.

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## LOBBYING CERTIFICATION

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352  
(See reverse for public burden disclosure)

<b>1. Type of Federal Action:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> a. contract <input type="checkbox"/> b. grant <input type="checkbox"/> c. cooperative agreement <input type="checkbox"/> d. loan <input type="checkbox"/> e. loan guarantee <input type="checkbox"/> f. loan insurance	<b>2. Status of Federal Action:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> a. bid/offer/application <input type="checkbox"/> b. initial award <input type="checkbox"/> c. post award	<b>3. Report Type:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> a. initial filing <input type="checkbox"/> b. material change <b>For Material Change Only:</b> year _____ quarter _____ date of last report _____
<b>4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity:</b> Name: Address:  <input type="checkbox"/> Prime <input type="checkbox"/> Subawardee Tier, if known:  Congressional District, if known:	<b>5. If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime:</b>  Congressional District, if known:	
<b>6. Federal Department/Agency:</b>	<b>7. Federal Program Name/Description:</b>  CFDA Number, if applicable:	
<b>8. Federal Action Number, If known:</b>	<b>9. Award Amount, if known:</b>	
<b>10.a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant:</b> <i>(if individual, Last Name, First Name, MI):</i>  (attach Continuation Sheet(s) SF-LLL-A, if necessary)	<b>10.b. Individual Performing Services</b> <i>(including address if different from No. 10.a.)</i> <i>(Last Name, First Name, MI):</i>	
<b>11. Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be reported to the Congress semi-annual and will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.</b>	Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Title: _____ Telephone: _____ Date: _____	
<b>FEDERAL USE ONLY</b>		Authorized for Local Reproduction Standard Form LLL (Rev. 7-97)



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## DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION (NONPROCUREMENT)

**(TxDOT requires this form to be completed by all Applicants)**

### **Applicability to Contracts**

2 CFR Part 180 and Part 1200, prohibits FTA recipients and sub-recipients from contracting for goods and services from organizations that have been suspended or debarred from receiving Federally-assisted contracts. As part of their applications each year, recipients are required to submit a certification to the effect that they will not enter into contracts \$25,000 and over with suspended or debarred contractors and that they will require their contractors (and their subcontractors) to make the same certification to them.

- (1) The Subrecipient certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals, including its first tier subrecipients:
  - (a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded or disqualified from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
  - (b) Have not within a three-year period preceding its latest application or proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against any of them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction, or contract under a public transaction; violation of any Federal or State antitrust statute; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making any false statement, or receiving stolen property;
  - (c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local);
  - (d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this certification had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.
- (2) The Subrecipient certifies that it and its principals, including its first tier subrecipients will assure that each lower tier participant involved in the Project is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded or disqualified from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency;
- (3) The Subrecipient certifies that if, later, it or its principals, including any of its first tier subrecipients, become aware of any information contradicting the statements of subparagraphs (1)(2), it will promptly provide any necessary information to FTA;
- (4) Where the Subrecipient is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such Subrecipient shall attach an explanation to this certification.

  
Signature of Certifying Official

Executive Director  
Title

4-19-16  
Date

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## LOWER TIER PARTICIPANT DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION

**(TxDOT requires this form to be completed by all Applicants)**

Pursuant to 2 CFR Part 180 and Part 1200, Subrecipients are required to pass this requirement on to subcontractors seeking subcontracts \$25,000 or over. Thus, the terms "lower tier covered participant" and "lower tier covered transaction" include both contractors and subcontractors and contracts and subcontracts.

Jack Steele, being duly sworn or under penalty of perjury  
(insert name of certifying official)


under the laws of the United States, certifies that neither the  
Houston-Galveston Area Council, nor its principals are presently:  
(insert name of lower tier participant)

- debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment,
- declared ineligible,
- or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency

Where the above identified lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the above statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall indicate below to whom the exception applies, the initiating agency, and dates of action.

Exceptions will not necessarily result in denial of award, but will be considered in determining contractor responsibility. Providing false information may result in criminal prosecution or administrative sanctions.

EXCEPTIONS:

  
Signature of Certifying Official

Title: Executive Director

Date: 4-19-16

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### U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR SPECIAL SECTION 5333(B) WARRANTY CERTIFICATION

(TxDOT requires this form to be completed by ALL §5311, §5311(f), §5316 and §5339 Subrecipients)

The following language shall be made part of the contract of assistance with the State or other public body charged with allocation and administration of funds provided under 49 U.S.C. 5333(b):

#### **A. General Application**

The Public Body agrees that, in the absence of waiver by the Department of Labor, the terms and conditions of this warranty, as set forth below, shall apply for the protection of the transportation related employees of any employer providing transportation services assisted by the Project ("Recipient"), and the transportation related employees of any other surface public transportation providers in the transportation service area of the Project.

The Public Body shall provide to the Department of Labor and maintain at all times during the Project an accurate, up-to-date listing of all existing transportation providers which are eligible Recipients of transportation assistance funded by the Project, in the transportation service area of the Project, and any labor organizations representing the employees of such providers.

Certification by the Public Body to the Department of Labor that the designated Recipients have indicated in writing acceptance of the terms and conditions of the warranty arrangement will be sufficient to permit the flow of Section 5311 funding in the absence of a finding of non-compliance by the Department of Labor.

#### **B. Standard Terms and Conditions**

- (1) The Project shall be carried out in such a manner and upon such terms and conditions as will not adversely affect employees of the Recipient and of any other surface public transportation provider in the transportation service area of the Project. It shall be an obligation of the Recipient and any other legally responsible party designated by the Public Body to assure that any and all transportation services assisted by the Project are contracted for and operated in such a manner that they do not impair the rights and interests of affected employees. The term "Project," as used herein, shall not be limited to the particular facility, service or operation assisted by Federal funds, but shall include any changes, whether organizational, or otherwise, which are a result of the assistance provided. The phrase "as a result of the Project," shall when used in this arrangement, include events related to the Project occurring in anticipation of, during, and subsequent to the Project and any program of efficiencies or economies related thereto; provided, however, that volume rises and falls of business, or changes in volume and character of employment brought about by causes other than the Project (including any economies or efficiencies unrelated to the Project) are not within the purview of this arrangement.

An employee covered by this arrangement, who is not dismissed, displaced or otherwise worsened in his position with regard to his employment as a result of the Project, but who is dismissed, displaced or otherwise worsened solely because of the total or partial termination of the Project, discontinuance of Project services, or exhaustion of Project funding shall not be deemed eligible for a dismissal or displacement allowance within the meaning of paragraphs (6) and (7) of the Model agreement or applicable provisions of substitute comparable arrangements.

- (2)(a) Where employees of a Recipient are represented for collective bargaining purposes, all Project services provided by that Recipient shall be provided under and in accordance with any collective bargaining agreement applicable to such employees which is then in effect.

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- (2)(b) The Recipient or legally responsible party shall provide to all affected employees sixty (60) days' notice of intended actions which may result in displacements or dismissals or rearrangements of the working forces. In the case of employees represented by a union, such notice shall be provided by certified mail through their representatives. The notice shall contain a full and adequate statement of the proposed changes, and an estimate of the number of employees affected by the intended changes, and the number and classifications of any jobs in the Recipient's employment available to be filled by such affected employees.
- (2)(c) The procedures of this subparagraph shall apply to cases where notices involve employees represented by a union for collective bargaining purposes. At the request of either the Recipient or the representatives of such employees negotiations for the purposes of reaching agreement with respect to the applications of the terms and conditions of this arrangement shall commence immediately. If no agreement is reached within twenty (20) days from the commencement of negotiations, any party to the dispute may submit the matter to dispute settlement procedures in accordance with paragraph (4) of this warranty. The foregoing procedures shall be complied with and carried out prior to the institution of the intended action.
- (3) For the purpose of providing the statutory required protections including those specifically mandated by 49 U.S.C. Section 5333(b)<sup>1</sup>, the public Body will assure as a condition of the release of funds that the Recipient agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of the National (Model) Section 5333(b) Agreement executed July 23, 1975, identified below<sup>2</sup>, provided that other comparable arrangements may be substituted therefore, if approved by the Secretary of Labor and certified for inclusion in these conditions.
- (4) Any dispute or controversy arising regarding the application, interpretation, or enforcement of any of the provisions of this arrangement which cannot be settled by and between the parties at interest within thirty (30) days after the dispute or controversy first arises, may be referred by any such party to any final and binding disputes settlement procedure acceptable to the parties, or in the event they cannot agree upon such procedure, to the Department of Labor or an impartial third party designated by the Department of Labor for final and binding determination. The compensation and expenses of the impartial third party, and any other jointly incurred expenses, shall be borne equally by the parties to the proceeding and all other expenses shall be paid by the party incurring them.
- In the event of any dispute as to whether or not a particular employee was affected by the Project, it shall be his obligation to identify the Project and specify the pertinent facts of the Project relied upon. It shall then be the burden of either the Recipient or other party legally responsible for the application of these conditions to prove that factors other than the Project affected the employees. The claiming employee shall prevail if it is established that the Project had an effect upon the employee even if other factors may also have affected the employee.
- (5) The Recipient or other legally responsible party designated by the Public Body will be financially responsible for the application of these conditions and will make the necessary arrangements so that any employee covered by these arrangements, or the union representative of such employee, may file claim of violation of these arrangements with the Recipient within sixty (60) days of the date he is terminated or laid off as a result of the Project, or within eighteen (18) months of the date his position with respect to his employment is otherwise worsened as a result of the Project. In the latter case, if the events giving rise to the claim have occurred over an extended period, the 18-month limitation shall be measured from the last such event. No benefits shall be payable for any period prior to six (6) months from the date of the filing of any claim.
- (6) Nothing in this arrangement shall be construed as depriving any employee of any rights or benefits which such employee may have under existing employment or collective bargaining agreements, nor

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shall this arrangement be deemed a waiver of any rights or any union or of any represented employee derived from any other agreement or provision of federal, state or local law.

- (7) In the event any employee covered by these arrangements is terminated or laid off as a result of the Project, he shall be granted priority of employment or reemployment to fill any vacant position within the control of the Recipient for which he is, or by training or retraining within a reasonable period, can become qualified. In the event training or retraining is required by such employment or reemployment, the Recipient or other legally responsible party designated by the Public Body shall provide or provide for such training or retraining at no cost to the employee.
- (8) The Recipient will post, in a prominent and accessible place, a notice stating that the Recipient has received federal assistance under 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 and has agreed to comply with the provisions of 49 U.S.C. Section 5333(b). This notice shall also specify the terms and conditions set forth herein for the protection of employees. The Recipient shall maintain and keep on file all relevant books and records in sufficient detail as to provide the basic information necessary to the proper application, administration, and enforcement of these arrangements and to the proper determination of any claims arising thereunder.
- (9) Any labor organization which is the collective bargaining representative of employees covered by these arrangements, may become a party to these arrangements by serving written notice of its desire to do so upon the Recipient and the Department of Labor. In the event of any disagreement that such labor organization represents covered employees, or is otherwise eligible to become a party to these arrangements, as applied to the Project, the dispute as to whether such organization shall participate shall be determined by the Secretary of Labor.
- (10) In the event the Project is approved for assistance under 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53, the foregoing terms and conditions shall be made part of the contract of assistance between the federal government and the Public Body or Recipient of federal funds; provided, however, that this arrangement shall not merge into the contract of assistance, but shall be independently binding and enforceable by an upon the parties thereto, and by any covered employee or his representative, in accordance with its terms, nor shall any other employee protective agreement merge into this arrangement, but each shall be independently binding and enforceable by and upon the parties thereto, in accordance with its terms.

### **C. Waiver**

As part of the grant approval process, either the Recipient or other legally responsible party designated by the Public Body may in writing seek from the Secretary of Labor a waiver of the statutory required protections. The Secretary will waive these protections in cases, where at the time of the requested waiver, the Secretary determines that there are no employees of the Recipient or of any other surface public transportation providers in the transportation service area who could be potentially affected by the Project. A 30-day notice of proposed waiver will be given by the Department of Labor and in the absence of timely objection, the waiver will become final at the end of the 30-day notice period. In the event of timely objection, the Department of Labor will review the matter and determine whether a waiver shall be granted. In the absence of waiver, these protections shall apply to the Project.

<sup>1</sup> Such protective arrangements shall include, without being limited to, such provisions as may be necessary for (1) the preservation of rights, privileges, and benefits (including continuation of pension rights and benefits) under existing collective bargaining agreements or otherwise; (2) the continuation of collective bargaining rights; (3) the protection of individual employees against a worsening of their positions with respect to their employment; (4) assurances of employment to employees of acquired mass transportation systems and priority of reemployment of employees terminated or laid off; and (5) paid training and retraining programs. Such arrangements shall include provisions protecting individual employees against a worsening of their positions with respect to their employments which shall in no event provide benefits less

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than those established pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 11347 [the codified citation of Section 5(2)(f) of the Act of February 4, 1887 (24 Stat. 379), as amended].

<sup>2</sup> For purposes of this warranty agreement, paragraphs (1); (2); (5); (15); (22); (23); (24); (26); (27); (28); and (29) of the Model Section 5333(b) Agreement, executed July 23, 1975 are to be omitted.

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## Department of Labor U.S.C. § 5333(b) Warranty Certification

Name of Agency:

1. Who is the Grantee? Name of agency awarding funds.
2. What is estimated amount of funding to be awarded?
3. What activities will be undertaken with the funds? Provide a complete project description of the activities to be carried out under the project (i.e. what type of service will be provided).
4. Where will the project be carried out? Identify the location of the project in the geographic area, including jurisdictional boundaries such as counties or cities.
5. What service provider will carry out the project? If the applicant is not providing all of the service, identify subrecipients or contractors if known at the time of application.
6. What other transit providers are in the service area? Identify all transit providers who compete with, feed into, or provide service adjacent to the funded service or capital project. Please provide contact information.

Subcontractors:

Other Transit Providers:

7. What labor organizations represent employees of the recipient, the subrecipients, and other transit providers in the service area? Please identify the transit provider and the labor union's contact information.

- ☐ The attached information for the Department of Labor U.S.C. § 5333(b) Certification is true and correct. No additional changes are required.
- ☐ The attached information for the Department of Labor U.S.C. § 5333(b) Certification is incorrect. The correct information has been provided above. (Please provide the correct information under the appropriate section listed above.)

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Authorized Signature

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Date